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OBITUARIES

NOBLE COUNTY, INDIANA

APRIL 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2009
WITH EVERY NAME INDEX

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The News Sun, Kendallville
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ALBION, INDIANA

2009

These obituaries are from The News Sun, Kendallville, Indiana and Albion New Era, Albion, Indiana. I have made every effort for accuracy and do apologize for any errors or omissions. I am glad to help preserve the history of Noble County, Indiana.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 1, 2009, Wednesday

Marcia Hicks

LIGONIER — Marcia Bowen Hicks of Ligonier, Ind., died Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

She was born October 3, 1944, to Fred and Emagene (Lemmon) Bowen. She married Glen Hicks in 1962. He survives.

Also surviving are her children: Carrie Hicks, Scott (Jean) Hicks, Amy Hicks, and Clay (Jeni) Hicks. She was blessed with five grandchildren: Shantoria, Zachary, Kohdee, Sasha and Sonia, and her beloved dog, Dottie.

Also surviving are her siblings: Anita (James) Cassidy, Thomas (Tammy) Janes, Lisa (Schlene) Janes, Catherine (Chris) Muesing and David (Pam) Alles.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Emagene; fathers, Fred Bowen and H.T. Janes Jr.; and her stepmother Mary Janes.

Marcia was a lifelong homemaker and a very active member of numerous clubs and organizations including the Chatterbelles Extension Homemakers, the Ligonier Study Club and the Westside Happy Hatters Red Hat Society.

Marcia was well-known for her love of cooking and baking, winning numerous awards. She was also an active miniature enthusiast and belonged to numerous miniature dollhouse clubs, including the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts (NAME).

A funeral service will be held for Marcia on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with her nephew, the Rev. Mitchell Hile, officiating.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Goshen Evangelical Church, 61103 C.R. 17; Goshen, IN 46526

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Larry Jones

ANGOLA — Larry James Jones, 66, of Angola, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola.

Memorial service will be held at a later date. No calling.

Memorials are to the family c/o Beams Funeral Home.

Virginia Conley

LAGRANGE — Virginia Conley, 83, of LaGrange died Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Levi Hignite

ANGOLA — Levi John Hignite, 75, of Angola died Monday, March 30, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Hignite had retired from Wal-Mart in Angola.

He attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Mr. Hignite

He was born Sept. 30, 1933, in Carter County, Ky., to Robert Lee and Susan Ethel (Jordan) Hignite. He married Alice L. Meyer on Sept. 9, 1960, in Montpelier, Ind. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Jay and Penny Hignite of Muncie and Lonnie Hignite of Marietta, Ga.; a daughter, Kay and Ernest Cook of Gaston, Ind.; four grandchildren; and two sisters, Olive Johnson of Columbus, Ohio, and Janet Morgan of Montpelier, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at The Chapel At Gardens Of Memory in Muncie with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Gardens Of Memory in Muncie.

Calling will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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April 1, 2009, Wednesday

Goldie Zerkle-Smith

AUBURN — Goldie V. Zerkle-Smith, 99, formerly of Waterloo, died Monday, March 30, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and also worked in area restaurants a good part of her life.

Mrs. Zerkle-Smith was a member of Waterloo Eastern Star, Mothers of World War II and Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Mrs. Zerkle-Smith

She was born Dec. 7, 1909, in Monroeville to Allen and Jennie (Frame) Zell.

She married Ora Zerkle on Nov. 1, 1930, and he died Sept. 24, 1979. She then married Virgil F. Smith on Jan. 2, 1988, in Cedar Lake Church of Christ and he died Jan. 20, 1998.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law-, Delbert and Leona Zerkle of Cortland, N.Y., and Dwight and Lina Zerkle of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Ted Slone of Waterloo; a brother, Raymond Zell of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Brian Wilcox will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Ella Tyler

AUBURN — Ella Mae Tyler, 82, of Auburn died Monday, March 30, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Tyler was the past state auxiliary commander of the Indiana DAV.

She was member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and Mothers of World War II.

She was born July 12, 1926 in Mongo.

Mrs. Tyler

Surviving are a son, Everett (Linda) Liggett of Auburn; a daughter, Darlene (Bob) Thomas of Churubusco; a brother, Harold (Florence) Ransbottom Jr. of Bronson, Mich.; a sister, Alberta Sprague of Auburn; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Everett Liggett, John Treace and Virgil Tyler; a daughter, Kelly M. Treace; and three brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Sandra Slone

AUBURN — Sandra Lynn “Sandy’’ Slone, 43, of Auburn died Monday, March 30, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Slone was born in Mansfield, Ohio, on Aug. 3, 1965, to Paschal and Hester (Slone) Reynolds.

She married Ellis Slone on Aug, 26, 1978, in Clintwood, Va. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Nick and Teca Slone of Auburn and Robert and Melissa Slone of Auburn; two daughters, April Slone of Auburn and Jessica and Adam Schuller of Butler; eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Nick Reynolds in 1977.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Charles Mosley and the Rev. Willie Collins will officiate. Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery in Corunna.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials may be made to the family in lieu of flowers.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Harley Blake

TOPEKA — Harley E. Blake, 84, of Topeka died Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Services will be private. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Peter Boehm

LAGRANGE — Peter W. Boehm, 65, of LaGrange died Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Maxine Bond

FORT WAYNE — Maxine M. Bond, 79, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 30, 2009, at the Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bond was a telephone operator for Indiana Bell in Auburn and then retired from GTE in Fort Wayne.

She was a 1947 graduate of Auburn High School.

She was born Aug. 27, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Harold L. and Hazel (Woolever) Vallieu. They preceded her in death.

She is survived by a daughter, Leesa Marie Bond of The Villages, Florida; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Norma Allen of Rock Hill, S.C., Betty and Herb Kleeman of Garrett, and Ann Marie Brown of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Jeffrey Horn officiating.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Richard Murley

GARRETT — Richard O. "Dick" Murley, 90, of Garrett died at 11:15 a.m. Monday, March 30, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Murley was an engineer on the B&O Railroad for 38 years, retiring in 1977.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Garrett Eagles, Garrett Historical Society and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman and Engineers.

Mr. Murley was born Nov. 8, 1918, in Garrett to Owen A. and Harriett A. (Myers) Murley. He married Marvene M. Lewis on Oct. 13, 1940, in Garrett. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are sons and daughters in-law, Richard L. "Dick" L. and Mary Ann Murley of Garrett and Bill and Patricia Murley of Laingsburg, Mich.; six grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, David Murley; and two sisters, Marceille E. Higgins and Evelyn Tydings.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Boy Scout Troop 178 or the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Send condolences or sign the online register book at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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John Moriarity

HAMILTON — John F. Moriarity, 83, of Hamilton died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Moriarity had been a truck driver and had also worked at Bostwick-Braun in Ashley.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Moriarity was a 20-year member of the Eagles Lodge 269 and life member of American Legion Post 320, VFW Post 7205, National Rifle Association and the North American Hunting Club.

He was born Sept. 15, 1925, in Rochdale, Mass., the son of James Patrick and Florence (Dudley) Moriarity. He married Grace Forbes in 1968 and she survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are two sons, Patrick of Massachusetts and Michael of Minnesota; two daughters, Elizabeth Melanson and Jeanne Mellitt, both of Massachusetts; a brother, Earnest of Florida; and a sister, Mary of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and two sisters.

There are no services at this time.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent or the guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Eric Snyder

DUBLIN, Ohio — Eric Allen Snyder, age 45, of Dublin, Ohio, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2009.

Born December 26, 1963, in Indianapolis, Ind., Eric graduated from South Ripley High School in Versailles, Ind., and Purdue University, where he was a member of the renowned men's "Varsity Glee Club."

He later graduated with a master's degree from Purdue's Krannert School of Management.

Eric served proudly in the U.S. Air Force and was a veteran of the Persian Gulf War.

He had worked and lived in the Columbus, Ohio, area for the past 15 years. Eric served on the Columbus Zoo Association board and the Dublin Community Services Advisory Commission.

He was active in local theater, having recently appeared in "Seussical," "The Fantastics," "The Full Monty," and "The Sound of Music."

Eric loved music, backpacking, fishing and the outdoors.

He leaves behind many who feel the loss of his passing including his loving wife, Kristin Anderson; his three daughters, Kayla, Kimberly, and Kelsey; his parents, Howard Snyder of Dillsboro, Ind., and Kay Snyder of Kendallville; his three siblings, Gary and Cary and Judy Kline of Kendallville; nine nieces and nephews; and other family members, friends, and two beloved dogs, Zooey and Porter.

Eric's life will be remembered at services at Dublin Community Church, 81 W. Bridge St., Dublin, Ohio, on Thursday, April 2, at 5 p.m.

The family will be receiving guests beginning at 4 p.m. and at a reception in the Church Hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to Little Theatre off Broadway, Attn: Snyder Memorial, P.O. Box 504, Grove City, Ohio 43123.

Visit www.schoedinger.com to send online condolences to the family.

Gerlean Everage

LAGRANGE — Gerlean Everage, 73, of LaGrange County died Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services will be at noon Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Friday prior to the services.

A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

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Dora McClain

ANGOLA — Dora Nagel McClain, 96, of Angola, Indiana, finished her earthly journey peacefully on Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola. She was born Dora Emma Nagel in Berne, Indiana, June 16, 1912, to recent Swiss immigrants Mathilda Lehman Nagel and Emil Nagel Sr.

Dora graduated from Berne High School and attended Bluffton College. On July 14, 1937, she married Ralph E. McClain, a Berne native then teaching at the Berne School. They first made their home in Berne for four years, where she gave birth to their son George, and then for three years in Ridgeville, Indiana, where Ralph was school principal and where she gave birth to daughter Margaret Jane. Finally they settled in Fort Wayne, where her husband served for many years as teacher and administrator with the Fort Wayne Community Schools. Following two decades as homemaker, Dora found a very satisfying professional vocation as a librarian for 17 years with the Fort Wayne and Allen County Library, staffing the Record Room and various parochial school library collections.

Mrs. McClain

In each place she and her family were active members of United Methodist churches: Spring Hill, Ridgeville, and in Fort Wayne, Forest Park, Simpson, Good Shepherd; then finally at Angola United Methodist. She was a longtime member of United Methodist Women. Following retirement, Dora and Ralph served three semesters as volunteers at the United Methodist-affiliated McCurdy School in Espanola, New Mexico.

Ralph died in 1993, leading eventually to her move to Angola to be near her devoted daughter Jane. She was among the very first residents of Cameron Woods, which she found to be a superior senior living facility and where she spent more than nine happy years making new friends, visiting New York City and the Chicago area to be with family, and in other ways sharing her abiding love for family and friends.

Throughout her life she was an avid devotee of classical music, both recorded and in live concert, as well as of folk music, especially that of her Swiss-German heritage. She had a gift for needlework and created numerous colorful banners for use in church and to celebrate family occasions.

Dora McClain is survived by her daughter M. Jane (George) Gear of Angola; her son the Rev. George D. McClain of Staten Island, N.Y. (whose spouse is Rev. Tilda Norberg), five grandchildren, (Jeff Gear of San Francisco, Ted Gear of Batavia, Ill., and Jay Gear of Red River, N.M., and Shana and Noah Norberg-McClain of Brooklyn, N.Y.), as well as five great-grandchildren (Samantha, Kailey, Emma, Silas, and Adrian). She was preceded in death by her brothers C. August, Emil Jr., and Walter Nagel.

There will be a memorial service at Cameron Woods at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, with visitation that evening from 6-8:00 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Family and friends are invited to a graveside funeral service at the M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 3, followed immediately by a time of worship, remembrance, and fellowship at nearby Swiss Village. Officiating will be Rev. Anita Rediger.

Memorial gifts may be made to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, 475 Riverside Dr., N.Y., NY 10115.

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Father E. Brian Carsten

AUBURN — Metropolitan Archbishop of the Orthodox Catholic Church in America, E. Paul Brian Carsten, 65, crossed into the arms of God on Friday, March 27, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was currently serving as Chaplain at Cameron Hospital, Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care and Fire Arson Specialized Team of Allen County.

He previously served as Chaplain of the Steuben County and Allen County Sheriff's Departments, the Fort Wayne Police Department and the Fort Wayne Fire Department. Father Carsten was also serving at Crossword Centre in Auburn, and had a Master of Divinity degree.

He was born Jan. 31, 1944, in Gary, Indiana, to Earl J. and Isabelle (Warwick) Carsten. His mother survives him in Auburn. His father preceded him in death April 1, 2008.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola with the Most Rev. Alfred L. Lankenau, Metropolitan Archbishop Emeritus, Orthodox Catholic Church in America, officiating. Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Crosswood Centre or to the donor's choice.

In Father Carsten's words:

"The Archbishop Emeritus of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America died for the last time in this world. He died much later than he had thought he would, though certainly on schedule in God's awareness. Carsten was born in Gary, Indiana, on January 31, 1944, to Earl and Isabelle Carsten. He was baptized on July 31, 1944, in Shelby, Indiana, beginning a lifetime of dying and rising.

Archbishop Carsten leaves no biological offspring, the result of a stubborn, if faithful, belief that he could contribute otherwise to humankind and that there is forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and life in the world to come.

Not unlike the bishop pieces of a chessboard, Carsten rubbed shoulders with the high and mighty, but found his heart with the lowly ones, the little people some would dare call pawns, where he most clearly might gaze on the face of the beloved.

Left behind for now is a gaggle of ragtag folks who have been brothering and sistering for a lifetime, all connected to one another in a bloodline that would confound any geneticist worth his or her sodium. At least some members of this faith family will gather with those close to Carsten, especially.

After a fitting celebration of Brother Jesus' death and resurrection, doing at table what he asks us to do, Carsten's cremains will be placed near the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene. Shed a tear if you must. Carsten shed many a tear gazing at the gap between those on this and those on the other side while tasting the hope that such a gap is but an illusion. Blessed be our Triune God now and forever."

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 1, 2009 Wednesday

Ben Amerman, 82

KENDALLVILLE — Ben Amerman, 82, of Kendallville died on Thursday, March 26, 2009.

He was born in Elkhart, Indiana, on August 9, 1926, to Chester and Opal (McFadden) Amerman.

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1944.

He married Martha J. (Mulholland) Amerman on April 5, 1946, in Albion and she passed away on May 25, 2000.

Mr. Amerman owned and operated the Sinclair/ARCO service station at the corner of Main and Diamond streets in Kendallville. He also owned the Amerman's Car Museum and Antiques.

He was a member of the Kendallville Moose 1301, the Sons of the American Legion and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club.

Survivors include three daughters; Sharon Fogel of Warren, Michigan, Marilyn and Larry Danner of Kendallville and Barbara Amerman of Fremont; four grandchildren, Michelle Kedzior, Kelli and Scott Hayes, Ben Mobley, and Archie and Rabecca Mobley; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Martha Amerman; one son, Larry Amerman; and one brother, Gerald Amerman.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 4, 2009, from noon to 4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville, Indiana, at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made to the ACD Club.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Raoul O'Dell, 66

AVILLA — Raoul Lucien O'Dell, 66, of Springfield, Ohio, and formerly of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. O'Dell worked for International Harvester in Fort Wayne and also in Springfield, where he later retired.

He was born Sept. 11, 1942, in Bizerte, Tunisia, to James C. and Josie (Albacete) O'Dell. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are his wife, Connie O'Dell of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter, Stephanie O'Dell of Minneapolis, Minn.; a brother, Grover O'Dell of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Robert Blotkamp of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, John O'Dell, and a sister, Nicole York.

A memorial service was held March 29, 2009 at Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main St., Avilla.

Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn was in charge of arrangements.

Thurman Gibson, 69

KENDALLVILLE – Thurman Gibson, age 69, of Kendallville died on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at his Kendallville home.

He was born in Knot County, Kentucky on January 22, 1940 to William and Luecreta (Gibson) Gibson.

Mr. Gibson worked at the Garrett Foundry for 14 years and then later at the Kendallville Foundry for 9 years.

He liked to walk around Bixler Lake and talk to his friends and loved to do yard work and take care of his home.

Mr. Gibson liked to hunt and fish in his younger years and he was an avid gun collector.

Survivors include: mother; Luecreta Gibson of Kendallville; three sons: William Gibson of Louisianna, Mitchell Gibson of Louisianna, Thurman Gibson Jr. and Charlien Witt of Angola; four daughters; Mary Ann Slone of Angola, Karen of Fort Wayne, Vicky of Kendallville, Shawn Gibson of Warsaw; 14 grandchildren; five sisters; Flossie Martin of Kendallville, Mildred Banks of Avilla, Cosbie Salisbury of Albion, Mary Sue Halferty of Arkansas, Elizabeth Pelfery of Shipshewana; five brothers; Emory Gibson of Rome City, Worley Gibson of Kendallville, Arthur Gibson of Waterloo, Recie Gibson of Kendallville and Melvin H. of Garrett

He was preceded in death by his Father; William Gibson, two grandsons, one brother and two sisters

Funeral Services took place March 30, 2009 at True Church of God In Jesus' Name, Kendallville. Pastor Glen Patrick officiated.

Burial was held at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 1, 2009 Wednesday

Bethel Patterson, 79

ROME CITY — Bethel I. Patterson, 79, of Rome City died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 6:05 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mrs. Patterson has lived in Rome City since 1965, coming from Kentucky. She retired from Rome City School as a preschool teacher. She also cared for children in her home for a number of years.

She enjoyed gardening, flowers, and caring for children.

She was born June 14, 1929, in Hazard, Kentucky, to Marion and Elmira (Smith) Combs. On November 26, 1951, in Kentucky she married James O. Patterson. He preceded her in death on December 29, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim "Sponge-Bob" Patterson of Rome City, Michael (Jennifer) Patterson of Albion, and Otis Darrell Patterson of Rome City; two grandsons, Drew Patterson and Jesse Patterson; and a great-granddaughter, Kylee Grace Patterson.

She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held March 28, 2009, at Young Family Funeral Home. Pastor Lee Combs and Pastor Clarence Combs officiatied. Burial took place in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Casketbearers were Alonza Combs, Drew Patterson, Jesse Patterson, Howard Patrick, Jerry Combs, Cord Combs, Tyler Miller and Rick Conley.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Nannie Mcpherson, 56

LAGRANGE — Nannie Mcpherson, 56, of LaGrange died at 5 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009, in her residence following a year-long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Mcpherson had moved to the area at age 4, coming from Kentucky.

She was a homemaker, and attended World Harvest Family Worship Center in Garrett.

She was born March 25, 1953, in West Liberty, Ky., to Adolph and Nora (Bolen) Collins. On March 15, 1997, in Kendallville she married Andrew Mcpherson. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Teresa (Gary) Hunter of Kendallville, Terry Brown of LaGrange and Tammy (Jose) Santacruz of Avilla; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stacy Shirk of Garrett and Scot (Heather) Shirk of Garrett; three stepdaughters, Twana Maurer of Waterloo, Amanda Mcpherson of Woodburn and Shana Mcpherson of Auburn; a stepson, Adam Mcpherson of Garrett; 21 grandchildren; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Mary Bolen of LaGrange, her twin Annie (Don) Kessler of North Manchester, Betty (Dave) VanHoozer of Wolcottville, Helen (Jack) Chriswell of Waterloo and Josephine Bailey of Montgomery, Mich.; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Roy (Bonnie) Collins of Kendallville and Ray Collins of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Irene Belcher and Geraldine Collins; a brother, Sonny Collins; a stepson, Wayne Mcpherson; and a grandson, Lucas Brown.

Funeral services were held March 30, 2009 in the Harbor of Love Church at Kendallville. Pastor Charles Mosley and Pastor Willie Collins officiated. Burial took place in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

The family will have private services on Saturday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with Pastor Yvonne Brown of World Harvest Family Worship Center in Garrett officiating.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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April 1, 2009 Wednesday

Marcia B. Hicks, 64

LIGONIER – Marcia Bowen Hicks of Ligonier, IN, died Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

She was born October 3, 1944 to Fred and Emagene (Lemmon) Bowen.

She married Glen Hicks in 1962. He survives.

Marcia was a life-long homemaker and a very active member of numerous clubs and organizations including the Chatterbelles Extension Homemakers, the Ligonier Study Club and the Westside Happy Hatters Red Hat Society.

She was well-known for her love of cooking and baking, winning numerous awards. She was also an active miniature enthusiast and belonged to numerous miniature dollhouse clubs, including the *National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts*.

Surviving along with her husband are four children: Carrie Hicks, Scott (Jean) Hicks, Amy Hicks and Clay (Jeni) Hicks; she was blessed with five granchildren: Shantoria, Zachary, Kohdee, Sasha and Sonia and her beloved dog, Dottie; Also surviving are her siblings: Anita (James) Cassidy, Thomas (Tammy) Janes, Lisa (Schlene) Janes, Catherin (Chris) Muesing and David (Pam) Alles.

She was preceded in death by her mother Emagene, fathers Fred and H.T. Janes, Jr. and step-mother Mary Janes.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with her nephew Reverend Mitchell Hile officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 2-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home. Memorial gifts may be made to the Goshen Evangelical Church, 61103 C.R. 17; Goshen, In 46526

Gerlean Everage, 73

LAGRANGE – Gerlean Everage, age 73, of LaGrange died on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Everage was born in Handshoe, Kentucky on July 21, 1935 to Homer and Louverna (Conley) Hicks. She married Cecil Everage in Stroh, Indiana and he preceded her death February 16, 1992.

Mrs. Everage was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening, cooking and canning. In the past, she was employed at various factories in Kendallville.

She attended the Gospel Lighthouse in Kendallville and was a past member of the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville.

Survivors include: two sons, Ricky (Theresa) Everage of LaGrange, and Ralph Everage and Angie Blair of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Crystal Everage and her husband, Jeremy Acre of Kendallville, Andrea Nicole Everage of Fort Wayne, Candice Knafel of Albion, and Ryan and Andrea Everage of Kendallville; three great-grandchildren: Jaycee, Weston, and Easton Knafel; three sisters, Doris (Chandler) Terry of Rome City, Tilda Mae Schlotter of Kendallville and Linda G. (Ron) Buss of Auburn; one brother, Carter and Zaundra Hicks of LaGrange.

Visitation will be Friday, April 3, 2009, from 10:00-12:00 noon at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Friday, April 3, 2009 at 12:00 noon at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastors Carter & Zaundra Hicks.

Burial will be at Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 2, 2009, Thursday

Virginia Conley

LAGRANGE — Virginia R. "Granny" Conley, 83, of LaGrange died Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 3:27 p.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Conley

Mrs. Conley, a lifetime area resident, was a homemaker. She graduated from LaGrange High School.

She attended the Ontario Congregational Church.

She was born Oct. 7, 1925, in LaGrange to Lewis and Jane (Dunnafin) Hart.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Charlotte Lewis of Wolcottville and Jane and Dowine Tucker of Rome City; three sons, James "Rusty" and Teresa Conley of LaGrange, Richard and Betty Conley of Angola and William Conley of Rome City; 17 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; 30 stepgreat-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one stepgreat-great-grandchild; a half sister and her husband, Barb and Glenn Coney of LaGrange; and a stepsister, Kate Levitz of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, three brothers, and a granddaughter, Michelle Welch.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with Pastor Dale Hicks of the Ontario Congregational Church officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Larry Jones

ANGOLA — Larry James Jones, 66, of Angola died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Jones

Mr. Jones had retired from T.I. Automotive in Ashley. He was also a licensed real estate agent and an auctioneer.

He had previously lived in Toledo, Ohio, and in LaGrange, and worked for Grogg-Bachman Auction and Realtors Agency.

Mr. Jones served with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

He was born Jan. 23, 1943, in Toledo to Donald Charles and Stephanie Evelyn (Brookshire) Jones.

Surviving are a son, Donald Walter Jones of Fort Wayne, and a sister, Patricia Brooke Jones of Toledo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Steven Michael Jones of Houston, Texas.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the family in care of Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Gerlean Everage

LAGRANGE — Gerlean Everage, 73, of LaGrange died Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Everage

Mrs. Everage was a homemaker and had been employed at various factories in Kendallville.

She attended the Gospel Lighthouse in Kendallville. Mrs. Everage was a former member of the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville.

She was born in Handshoe, Ky., on July 21, 1935, to Homer and Louverna (Conley) Hicks. She married Cecil Everage in October 1953 in Stroh and he preceded her death Feb. 16, 1992.

Surviving are two sons, Ricky and Theresa Everage of LaGrange and Ralph Everage and Angie Blair of Kendallville; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Doris and Chandler Terry of Rome City, Tilda Mae Schlotter of Kendallville and Linda G. and Ron Buss of Auburn; and a brother, Carter and Zaundra Hicks of LaGrange.

Services will be at noon Friday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastors Carter and Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 10 a.m to noon Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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April 2, 2009, Thursday

Steven Ginder

WINONA, Minn. — Steven K. Ginder, age 65, of Winona, Minn., died on Monday, March 23, 2009, at his home.

He was born on May 14, 1943, in Chippewa Falls, Wis., to Irvin Sr. and Phillis (Ensign) Ginder. He was united in marriage to Wendy J. Triplett on Jan. 15, 1966. They later divorced. On July 25, 1998, he was united in marriage with Karen J. Rippentrop at St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winona.

Steven served his country with the United States Navy on the USS Saratoga stationed in the Mediterranean Sea.

He was employed by Midwest Metals as a maintenance supervisor.

Steven was a member of St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church where he served as an usher. He was one of the founding members of the Winona County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and served as its vice president and former president. He was also a lifetime member of the NRA, former member of the Marksman Club, and member of the American Legion Leon J. Wetzel Post 9 of Winona.

Steven was active in the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization and a big brother of Steve Kestell. He also served as a transportation engineer for Brownie and Girl Scout troops in Auburn, Ind.

During his high school years, he competed in downhill ski jumping for Chippewa Falls High School. Steven was an avid gun collector and loved the outdoors, especially gun and bow hunting, fishing and boating. He also loved horses and did competition riding with his daughters with the Root River Saddle Club. Steven was a die-hard Green Bay Packer fan, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Karen of Winona, Minn.; mother, Phillis Ginder of Chippewa Falls, Wis.; two daughters, Dawn (David) Donicht of San Antonio, Texas; and Amy (John) Soukup of Peoria, Ariz.; two brothers, Gene "Irvin Jr." (Myrna) Ginder of Rogers, Ark., and Allen (Judy) Ginder of Bremerton, Wash.; his grandchildren, Danielle and Davis Donicht, David and Alex Holum, Kaitlyn, Wright, Anthony Kirwin and Adam Kirwin; his stepchildren, Christopher Kirwin, Kimberly (Doug) Wright and Patrick (Stacy) Kirwin, all of Rochester, Minn.; and nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Steven was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 28, 2009, at St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Richard A. Moore officiating. Burial was in Rest Haven Cemetery in Eau Claire, Wis. Pallbearers were John Soukup, David Donicht, Doug Wright, Patrick Kirwin, Gene Ginder, Allen Ginder, Christopher Kirwin, David Holum and Alex Holum.

The American Legion Leon J. Wetzel Post 9 of Winona provided full military honors immediately following the service outside of the church.

Burial will be in Rest Haven Cemetery, Eau Claire, WI.

Watkowski-Mulyck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family respectfully requests that memorials be directed to the Winona County Sheriff's Mounted Posse or to St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Sharon Terry

STROH — Sharon Ann (Sleeper) Terry, 60, of Stroh died Wednesday, April 1, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Marlin Carey

ANGOLA — Marlin D. Carey, 85, of Angola died at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home, Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Edon Church of Christ, Edon, Ohio, with burial in Edon Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., Edon, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Edon Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Kaylee Kevongsy

FREMONT — Kaylee O. Kevongsy, 3 months, daughter of Bounlap and Tonia (Swager) Kevongsy, died Monday, March 30, 2009, in San Diego, Calif.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Kathleen Barry

AUBURN — Kathleen Barry, 59, of Auburn died Monday, March 30, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society was in charge of arrangements.

Jeffrey Collins

TROY, Mich. — Jeffrey Leon Collins, 48, of Warren, Mich., died in March 2009.

He was a 1978 graduate of Kimball High School.

He was the son of David L. Collins and the late Barbara (Hensley) Collins.

Mr. Collins was also preceded in death by a brother, Michael D. Collins.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Troy Church of Christ in Michigan.

Price Funeral Home in Troy is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online at www.pricefuneralhome.net.

Peter Boehm

LAGRANGE — Peter W. Boehm, 65, of LaGrange died Sunday, March 29, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Kathleen Hull

LONG BEACH LAKE — Kathleen M. Hull, 81, of Long Beach Lake near Fremont died at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009, in Garrett.

She was a proofreader for R.H. Donnley and had been a tool crib attendant and president of the United Steel Workers Union at Clevite Corp. in Angola, retiring in 1996.

She was born May 4, 1927, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Charles and Edna Sand. She married Samuel Hull Sr. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Kathleen Raske of Angola, Edna Hall of Garrett and Patricia Kitchen of Pittsburgh, Pa.; two sons, Samuel F. Hull Jr. of Fremont and Howard C. McHale of Auburn; a sister, LaVerne Tiani of Round Lake, Ill.; 19 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Junior Sand; and a sister, Rita James.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett with Pastor Susan Socha officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Sharon Terry

STROH — Sharon Ann (Sleeper) Terry, 60, of Stroh died Wednesday, April 1, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Terry, a lifetime area resident, was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School. She retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

Mrs. Terry

She was an avid bingo player. She dearly loved her grandchildren, and enjoyed attending their sporting events.

She was born January 19, 1949, in Kendallville to Robert Edward and Flossie (Dishman) Sleeper. She was married January 28, 1967, in Stroh to Eugene "Gene" Terry. He survives in Stroh.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Lisa Terry of Stroh; a stepdaughter and her husband, Teresa and Chad Haines of Wolcottville; a granddaughter, Taryn Terry; a grandson, Tanner Terry; three stepgrandchildren, Brady Schrock, Gabriel Haines and Sage Haines; two aunts and an uncle, Charolette and Tom Hart of Kendallville and Berdena Smith of Kendallville; and a sister-in-law and her husband, Diana and Marion Shrock of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 4, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Casketbearers will be Tanner Terry, Brady Schrock, Cecil Messer, Lonnie Messer, Keith Wallace, Kevin Wallace, Shawn Severe and Craig Everage.

Calling will be Friday, April 3, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Prairie Heights Athletic Department.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Marlin Carey

EDON, Ohio — Marlin D. Carey, 85, of Angola, Ind., died at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing in Angola.

Mr. Carey retired from Steuben County Highway Department after 41 years of employment.

Mr. Carey

He was a member of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II.

Mr. Carey was also a member of American Legion Post 31 in Angola and the Edon Church of Christ.

He was born July 12, 1923, in Richmond Township in Steuben County, Ind., to Elmer and Arilla (VanZile) Carey. He married Joyce Gray on Nov. 14, 1948. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Joe (Debbie Millay) Carey of Hamilton, John (Cathy) Carey of Ortonville, Mich., and James Carey of Albion, Mich.; one grandson, Larry (Mindy) Dunham of Fremont, Ind.; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lamar and Donald Carey; and one sister, Anna Lee Woodard.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Edon Church of Christ, Edon, Ohio, with David LaDuke officiating. Interment will follow in Edon Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today in Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., in Edon.

Memorials are to the Edon Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Thomas Dembickie

GARRETT — Thomas A. "Dimmer" Dembickie, 63, of Garrett died at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Dembickie was a lifetime Garrett resident.

He had been a foreman at Zollner Pistons in Fort Wayne for 35 years, retiring in 2003. Following his retirement, he worked at Parker's in Avilla.

Mr. Dembickie was a 1965 graduate of Garrett High School.

He was a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge.

He was born Dec. 22, 1945, in Garrett to Frank and Lucille (Owen) Dembickie. He married Diana M. Beverly on Aug. 9, 1990, in Garrett. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son, William and Lori Beverly of Garrett; a sister, Judy and Lloyd Henderson of Orange Park, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Ellen Gamble

KENDALLVILLE — Ellen Gamble, 86, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 5:45 p.m. in her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Deloruse Young

KENDALLVILLE — Deloruse A. Young, 94, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Alissa Guernsey

TOPEKA — Alissa B. Guernsey, 1, of Topeka, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with burial in Bronson Cemetery, Bronson, Mich.

Calling will be one prior to service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family c/o Kelli Sprunger.

George Fowler

MISHAWAKA, IND. — George Franklin Fowler, 81, of Middlebury, formerly of Mishawaka, died Thursday, April 2, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene, 2695N C.R. 900W, Shipshewana. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury, with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, and one hour prior to services on Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Care at Home Hospice of General Hospital, 200 Park Ave., Goshen IN 46526 or Gideons International, PO Box 674, Elkhart IN 46515.

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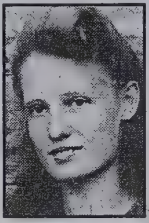
Ellen Gamble

CORUNNA — Ellen Gamble, 86, of Corunna died Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 5:45 p.m. in Kendallville.


Mrs. Gamble

Mrs. Gamble moved to this area from Kentucky in 1953.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 6, 1922, in Knott County, Ky., to Clifton and Ruthie (Short) Mosley. She was married to Loss Gamble. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harry "Pinky" Gamble Sr. and Diane Gamble of Wolcottville and Roger Gamble Sr. of Corunna; 11 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandchild; two great-grandchildren; a brother; and seven sisters.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday in Harbor of Love Church at Kendallville with Pastor Charles Mosley, Pastor Phillip Lucas, and Pastor Birtchel Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. Sunday at the church. Evening services will be at 7.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

View a video tribute or send condolences online to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

June Deal

GOSHEN — Friends, former students, co-workers and her church family remember and celebrate the life and Salvation through Christ of June E. Deal, who passed away peacefully in her home Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

Miss Deal

Miss Deal, 92, of Greencroft Juniper Place in Goshen, was born in LaGrange, Ind., on August 23, 1916, as the only child of Clarence C. and Joyce (Lieberenz) Deal. The family lived in South Milford until moving to Elkhart in 1936.

June graduated from Kendallville (IN) High School and the University of Michigan, where she received her B.S. and M.A. degrees. Her 48-year career as an educator began in Michigan, where she taught for five years prior to joining the teaching and guidance staff of Elkhart High School. Her tenure at E.H.S. spanned 43 years from 1943 until her retirement in 1987.

There was no "tired" in June's being retired, though, as she remained vitally involved in a range of community, church, and professional activities and associations. Of note, she was instrumental in the founding of Elkhart's C.A.R.E.S., an in-school mentoring program. June served at Hawthorne Elementary School as one of the very first of what has since become over 1,000 volunteer mentors now providing encouragement and academic help to elementary students throughout the Elkhart Community Schools System.

Miss Deal was a life member of the National Education Association (N.E.A.) and the American Association of University Women (A.A.U.W.). Among her other affiliations were the D.A.R. (William Tuffs Chapter), the Order of the Eastern Star (Starlight Chapter), PEO (EA Chapter), and Elkhart's Four Arts. Trinity United Methodist Church has remained June's church home since her family's coming to Elkhart in 1936.

In 2000, June moved to Juniper Place in Goshen's Greencroft community. Her life of service included vigorous though quiet giving in Christ's name to her church as well as to numerous local, national and international charities.

June's earthly remains will be interred in a private ceremony alongside those of her parents in Elkhart's Rice Cemetery.

A brief memorial celebration will be held at noon on Sunday, May 17, in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2715 E. Jackson Blvd.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made at any time to the June Deal Educational Fund, c/o Trinity United Methodist Church, 2715 E. Jackson Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46514.

Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home in Elkhart is in charge of arrangements.

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Jean Sanders

MICHIANA SHORES — Jean E. Sanders, 81, of Michiana Shores near Michigan City died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at Golden Living Center-Fountainview Terrace in LaPorte.

Mrs. Sanders

Mrs. Sanders had been an art teacher in Saginaw, Mich., and in Woodriver and Alton, Ill., Community High School. She was the art supervisor in New Castle and also taught adult education classes for the Dunes Art Foundation.

Mrs. Sanders lived in Chicago from 1958 to 1961 and moved to Warsaw in 1961 where she was a member and later president of Tri Kappa, and co-president of the Washington School PTA.

She attended St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Warsaw and belonged to the E.C.W.

She also co-owned a business called "Sand Kracker" for several years.

She moved to Michiana Shores in 2003 and transferred her church membership to Trinity Episcopal Church in Michigan City.

She was born Dec. 31, 1927, in Garrett to Ronald Waldo "Jack" and Leora (Trimble) Lung. She married Mark G. Sanders on March 29, 1958, in Garrett. He survives in Michiana Shores.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lynn (Elizabeth) Banks of Katy, Texas, and a granddaughter, Elizabeth Reesa Banks.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Clay Meadows Sanders.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Square, Michigan City.

Memorials are to Trinity Episcopal Church, 600 Franklin Square, Michigan City, IN 46360, or Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana, P.O. Box 4204, South Bend, IN 46634.

Send condolences or sign the guest book at www.carlislefh.com.

Jay Hoyer

ANGOLA — Jay L. Hoyer, 88, of Angola died at 9:40 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2009.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Sharon Snyder

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Sharon J. Snyder, 53, of White Pigeon died Thursday, April 2, 2009, at Rivercrest Specialty Hospital in Mishawaka, Ind., following an extended illness.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Farrand Funeral Home, 300 N,. Kalamazoo St., White Pigeon. Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery in White Pigeon.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Christian Fellowship Center or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

THE NEWS SUN
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April 5, 2009, Sunday

Mentor, friend empowered women

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AUBURN — The touch of one talented woman improved more than one organization in DeKalb County.

Dorothy Marley, who died Jan. 23 at the age of 68, led many community groups, including the DeKalb County Extension Office, Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Auburn First United Methodist Church Mission Commission and the church's United Methodist Women group.

Then, Marley helped ensure that those who followed in her footsteps were empowered to do their jobs.

"I think developing leadership in others was one of her strong points," said Jamie Sukala, director of the Purdue Extension Office in DeKalb County. Marley worked as an Extension agent in DeKalb County and served as director for approximately five years, Sukala said.

"To me, she was a great mentor. She was a great friend and role model for me," Sukala said.

"She took over the presidency at a time when we couldn't find leadership," said Sue Shankle, a member of the United Methodist Women. "She really organized things and was very instrumental in getting new members and trying to begin making plans to get new members and get a membership organization together."

"She had a lot of ability to spur the committee on. She did a lot of behind-the-scenes things," said Bob Oswalt, who now chairs the Methodist church's Mission Commission. "She's very hard to follow up in a position. It's difficult to step into her shoes."

Mrs. Marley

"She set such a good example," said Wendy Oberlin, who served as vice president of the Chamber of Commerce when Marley was the president. "She always had the goals of the organization at the forefront."

"She wasn't somebody who was looking for the limelight," Sukala said. "She was looking for successful programs.

Much of Marley's success in leadership roles came from her intelligence, experience and organization skills.

"The ability she had to pull off a party or to do anything that we wanted to do, any type of activity we wanted to have, she knew how to bring that to fruition," said United Methodist Women president Angela Horton. "She knew everything, from textiles to homemaking to business practices to just doing so many facets of things. She knew how to make it happen."

"She was super-duper organized," Oswalt said. He added that Marley would write follow-up reports on all missions projects, and "she never saw a project she didn't think she could do."

Marley personally touched many of the people she worked with in the community.

"People didn't recognize the seeds she planted within people," Sukala said. "That's what she did in her work, and that's what she carried over into her personal things."

"She was a darling woman," Oberlin said. "She was just a wonderful person. She was always smiling, always happy and always had something positive to say."

According to Shankle, Marley was very close to Horton and felt like she was a second mother to her.

"She mentored me in many ways beside the United Methodist Women," Horton said. "She had a heart for empowering women. She empowered women to be self-sufficient, stand on their own two feet and be a complete woman. She was an advocate for women having high self-esteem and just being able to set goals to do."

THE NEWS SUN
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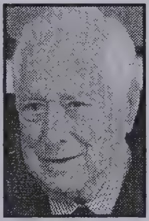
Clarence Brase

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Clarence M. Brase, 90, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Brighton Gardens Hospice in Scottsdale, Ariz.


Mr. Brase

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the owner of Oxford Liquors. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church for over 50 years and was a Merchant Marine.

He survived by his wife, Carole, of Scottsdale; sons Geary (Alison) Brase of Pheonix, Ariz., and Craig Brase of Fort Wayne; daughters Shayne (Greg) Albright of Cumming, Ga., Lisa Brase and Corrine Brase, both of Scottsdale, and Pamela (Jeffrey) Adams of Fort Wayne; brothers William Brase, Ted (Jackie) Brase and Paul Brase, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Harriet (Sam) Ottenweller of Illinois; grandchildren Alexis Brase, Teisha Sarazin and Theresa Brase; and great-grandchildren Zane Parris and Christopher Brase.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Martin and Corrine Theresa Brase, and five brothers — John, Robert, Richard, James and Donald.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St., with prayers at 9:15 a.m., Fr. Chau Pham officiating. Calling is from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with vigil at 7 p.m. Burial is in Catholic Cemetery.

Wyvonna Scott

KENDALLVILLE — Wyvonna "Bonnie" Scott, 85, died Friday, April 3, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, Kendallville.

A lifelong Noble County resident, she had been a resident of the Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home for the past 10 months.

Mrs. Scott

She was born March 17, 1924, to Emanuel Emery Christlieb (1889-1956) and Alta Mae Steinbarger (1895-1986) in Ligonier. One brother, Roland Royce Christlieb (1911-1916) preceded her in death. Her half-sister, Maredith "Rita" Barnes (1933-1996) also preceded her in death.

Wyvonna married Paul Raymond Scott (1922-1974) in Kendallville on June 27, 1945. She was the proud mother of two sons, Delane Ray Scott and DaleLyn Ross Scott.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She worked at the Lutheran Home, King Seely, Magnavox and other area businesses. She loved music, travel and cooking. She loved the Spirit Band, played the organ and danced every chance she got.

She is survived by her sons, DeLane and Diann Scott (Ashley), and DaleLyn Scott (Kendallville); three granddaughters and 12 great grandchildren, Kelly and Larry McCoy and their children Stephanie Lynne, Ashlee Renee, Katie Alizabeth, Cassidy Nicole, Destiny Rae, AlecZander Christian and Ruby Grace, of Butler; DeLayna and Kenny Lehner and their children, Avery Wayne and Austin Scott, of Garrett; and TaNaya and Timn Gorski and their children, Austin Matthew, Seth Andrew and Gabriel Robert, Madison, Ind.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield, immediately following the services.

Visiting will be from 2-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001 or at www.alzfdn.org or phone 866-232-8484.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at whitefuneralhome.com.

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Seibert Ramsey

ASHLEY — Seibert H. Ramsey, 80, of Ashley, died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at home.

He was a superintendent for various construction companies, and for the past 15 years he had been the owner and operator for Premier Underground Construction.

He was a member of the Roles Chapel Baptist Church in Forest Hill, W.Va., and the Masonic Lodge of Ashley.

Mr. Ramsey was born Nov. 17, 1928, in Hinton, W.Va., to L. Hobert and Nannie B. (Pack) Ramsey. He married Marilyn Breon on Aug. 29, 1950, Irwin, Pa. She survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia L. and Darrel Boyce, Ashley, and Rebecca L. and John Traster, South Milford; three sons and daughters-in-law, Randy C. and Julie Ramsey, Auburn, Tracy L. and Jayne Ramsey, Fort Wayne, and Dennis J. and Mary Ramsey, Pleasant Lake; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Bill Thomas, Forest Hill, W. Va.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles J. and Joyce Ramsey, Torch, Ohio, Richard E. and Penny Ramsey, Radford, Va., Edward L. and Ann Ramsey, Churubusco, and Ronald H. and Marion Ramsey, Columbus, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; three step grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James M. Ramsey.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, 1993 C.R. 8, Ashley, with Valarie Kline officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Paul Bolinger

AVILLA — Paul E. Bolinger, 83, died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at the Shady Rest Care Pavilion, Fort Myers, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, Avilla.

Lorene Weimer

LIGONIER — Lorene Weimer, 71, of Ligonier, died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery, Wilmot.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Hilda Schneider

FORT WAYNE — Hilda L. Schneider, 88, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, April 3, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schneider had lived most of her life in Kendallville prior to moving to Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 3, 1920, in Kendallville to Clarence and Daisy (Brugh) Getts.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward D. and Donna Kenestrick, Durham, N.C.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Constance L. and David T. Andrews, Fort Wayne, and Judith A. and Jon McCreery, Mobile, Ala.; seven grandchildren; numerous great and great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia Bortner, Albion.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Howard Kenestrick; a sister, Doris Wilson; a granddaughter, Bethany Wynn; and two grandsons, Jim Bortner and Jerry Bortner.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Young Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 1900 Carew St., Suite 6, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Myrtle Rhead

SANDUSKY, Mich. — Myrtle M. (Bopra) Rhead, 84, of Sandusky died Tuesday, March 31, 2009, in Lansing.

Mrs. Rhead had been employed by Ford Motor Co., Michigan Bell Telephone, Haffner's Department Store and was a cook at Sandusky Community Schools.

She was a 1942 graduate of Carsonville High School.

She served during World War II in the flight operations division of the United States Naval Air Station in Millington, Tenn.

Mrs. Rhead was a member of the board of directors of Sanilac Girl Scouts, Sanduky High School Band Boosters and served as a Cub Scout leader. She was also a member of the city of Sandusky Planning Commission and the Senior Citizen High Rise Commission.

She served as treasurer of the Sanilac County Republican Party and was chairman of the Sanilac County Parks Commission.

She was born Nov. 3, 1924, in Carsonville, Mich., to Clair and Vera (Clark) Bopra. She married Kenneth A. Rhead on Feb. 7, 1948, in Carsonville. He died in 1997.

Surviving are three children, Kim (Margaret) Rhead of Holt, Kerry (Robert) Mason of Kendallville, Ind., and Gerald (Heather) Rhead of East Lansing; a son-in-law, Jerry Campbell of Kendallville; two brothers, William Bopra of Croswell and Gene Bopra of Sandusky; two sisters, Marjorie (Robert) O'Connell of Carsonville and Marion (Douglas) Kenny of Deckerville; 12 grandchildren, including Troy, Traci and Jerry Lee Campbell, Nicol Trout, Dana Sujkowski and Shawn Mason of Kendallville; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Kristy Anne Campbell in 2004, and two sisters, Hazel in 1920 and Betty Lou Rumble in 2007.

Funeral services were held Friday at Marsh Funeral Chapel in Sandusky. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery in Sandusky.

Memorials are to the Kim Rhead Leadership Scholarship and the Kevin M. Pearce Memorial Scholarship, care of the Sanilac County Community Foundation or the Kris Campbell Any Dream Will Do Scholarship in care of the Noble County, Ind., Community Foundation.

Joe Miller

GOSHEN — Joe B. Miller, 77, of Goshen, died Friday, April 3, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Noah Bontrager residence, 62800 C.R. 43, Goshen. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be all day today at the Bontrager residence.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is assisting the family with arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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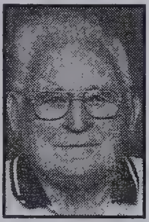
Jay Hoyer

ANGOLA — Jay L. Hoyer, 88, died at 9:40 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation, Angola.

He was born Aug. 30, 1920, in Salem Center to Hayes & Emma (Dayhuff) Hoyer.



Mr. Hoyer

He was a retired farmer, and retired from the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Mr. Hoyer was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

He married Lois Latson on May 3, 1941, and she died on March 17, 1995.

Survivors include two daughters and son-in-laws, Terri & Paul Flegal, Fort Wayne, and Karen & Steve Hodge, South Milford; a friend, Helen Morse, Angola; grandchildren, C. Cameron Morse, Tiffany & Stacy Pease, Melissa & Jonathan Althoff, Brian Hodge and Joseph Hodge; and two great grandchildren, Morgan Pease & Jayna Althoff.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, Elsie Hoyer, Berniece Styverson, Doris Wing, Zema Berlien and Fay Silver; and four brothers, Wayne Hoer, Wymond Hoyer, Basil Hoyer and Ray Hoyer.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Tom Smith officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Society or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at Johnson@bnin.net.

Billie Eppley

LIVINGSTON, TENN. — Billie Carl Eppley, 56, of Livingston, Tenn., died Friday, April 3, 2009, at his residence.

Services are at 2 p.m. Monday at the Chapel of Speck Funeral Home, Livingston, Tenn., with burial in Monroe Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5-9 p.m. at Speck Funeral Home Inc., 300 North Church St., P.O. Box, 456, Livington, TN 38570.

James Brewer

KERMIT, W. VA. — James E. Brewer, 59, of Kermit, W.Va., formerly of Albion, died Jan. 17, 2009, in Kermit, W.Va., after a long illness.

He worked at Reliable Tool in Kendallville, and was a member of Green Chapel Church.

He attended school in Kermit, W.Va.

His parents were Lovus and Vernie Brewer. He married Vickie Brewer on Oct. 25, 1968, in Rochester, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Elinor Justice; a son, Edward Brewer; a son-in-law, Gary Justice; four grandchildren; five sisters, Nettie Dillion, Freda Williamson, Edna Arms, Bonnie Crank and Earnestine Parsley; and three brothers, Lovus Brewer, Birdie Jay Brewer and Bruce Brewer.

A sister, Peggy Holley, a brother, Ermal Brewer, and his parents preceded him in death.

Mr. Brewer was buried in Kermit.

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Wyvona Scott

KENDALLVILLE — Wyvona "Bonnie" Scott, 85, died Friday, April 3, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, Kendallville.

A lifelong Noble County resident, she had been a resident of the Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home for the past 10 months.

Mrs. Scott

She was born March 17, 1924, to Emanuel Emery Christlieb (1889-1956) and Alta Mae Steinbarger (1895-1986) in Ligonier. One Brother, Roland Royce Christlieb (1911-1916) preceded her in death. Her half-sister, Maredith "Rita" Barnes (1933-1996) also preceded her in death.

Wyvona married Paul Raymond Scott (1922-1974) in Kendallville on June 27, 1945. She was the proud mother of two sons, Delane Ray Scott and DaleLyn Ross Scott.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She worked at the Lutheran Home, King Seely, Magnavox and other area businesses. She loved music, travel and cooking. She loved the Spirit Band, played the organ and danced every chance she got.

She is survived by her sons, DeLane and Diann Scott (Ashley), and DaleLyn Scott (Kendallville); three granddaughters and 12 great grandchildren, Kelly and Larry McCoy and their children Stephanie Lynne, Ashlee Renee, Katie Alizabeth, Cassidy Nicole, Destiny Rae, AlecZander Christian and Ruby Grace, of Butler; DeLayna and Kenny Lehner and their children, Avery Wayne and Austin Scott, of Garrett; and TaNaya and Timn Gorski and their children, Austin Matthew, Seth Andrew and Gabriel Robert, Madison, Ind.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Brimfield, immediately following the services.

Visiting was from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001 or at www.alzfdn.org or phone 866-232-8484.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lorene Weimer

LIGONIER — Lorene Weimer, 71, of Ligonier died April 4, 2009, at Miller's Merry manor in LaGrange after an extended illness.

She was a lifelong area resident and worked at Royal Imprints until it closed in 2008. She attended Ligonier Evangelical Church.

She was born Sept. 15, 1937, in Warsaw to Leonard and Lillian (Shroyer) Mauzy. On Aug. 5, 1955, she married John A. Weimer, who preceded her in death in 2005.

Surviving are four childrenKim and Dennis Sprunger of Ligonier, Matt and Cheryl Weimer of Howe, Rusty and Cheryl Weimer of Howe and Craig and Linda Weimer of Ligonier; three brothers, Leonard "Bud" and Norma Mauzy of Fort Wayne, Larry and Brenda Mauzy of Tulsa, Okla., and Terry and Maureen Mauzy of Michigan City; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her husband were her parents and stepmother, Katherine (Eppley) Mauzy.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dave Kushman and the Rev. Rodger Moyer officiating. Interment will be at Salem Cemetery in Wilmot.

Calling will be today from 3-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, and one hour before services at the church.

Memorial contributions are to Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Janice Fulford

LIGONIER — Janice M. Fulford, 83, of Ligonier and formerly of Middlebury died at 4:09 a.m. on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Care Ligonier.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Memorials are to American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Wilbur Rekeweg

ALBION — Wilbur D. Rekeweg, 90, of High Lake in rural Albion, died Saturday, April 4, 2009, in the Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco. A graveside service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Woodburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and Thursday morning from 9 a.m. until service time at the church.

Memorials are to the Faith Lutheran Church or to a church or organization of the donors choice.

Online condolences may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Terry Briley

LAGRANGE — Terry L. Briley, 54, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 5, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Services will be Wednesday at 7 pm at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Thomas McShannock officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4 p.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Sturgis Toy Run or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Vesta Sellers

COLDWATER, Mich. — Vesta Mae Sellers, 95, of Coldwater died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, Ind.

She was a homemaker known for her large meals, especially her cooking at harvest time. She also was an equal partner with her husband in dairy and swine farming at their Har-Vest Farm.

She was born Nov. 1. 1913, to Floyd and Linnie (Petty) Smith. On Dec. 7, 1932, she married Harold R. Sellers. They lived south of Fremont, Ind., and moved to Kinderhook, Mich., in 1941. They were married for 64 years. He preceded her in death on March 14. 1996.

She attended a one-room school in Clear Lake Township and graduated from Fremont High School in 1930 at age 16 because she was able to skip a grade. She played the violin in the county orchestra. She was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church and a pianist, elementary Sunday school teacher and served on several committees there. She was remembered for increasing children's attendance in Sunday school and producing Christmas programs. At the time of her death, she was the oldest living member of Fremont United Methodist Church and the Fremont Alumni.

She was a charter member of the Minerva Club, Town and Country Club, Evening Musicale and Farm Bureau Association. She was an accompanist and enjoyed playing piano, organ and violin. She also enjoyed literature, knitting, sewing and gardening. She supported her family in school activities.

Harold and Vesta's Har-Vest Farms was featured in Farm News in 1950 for outstanding swine and dairy production. She lived proudly and independently until fall 2008.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Graham and Jean Sellers of Coldwater and Marshall and Suzi Sellers of Bristol, Ind.; a daughter and son-in-law, Lorna and Donald Van meter of Eaton, Ind.; eight grandchildren, Mike Sellers, Cindy and Gary Meade, Chuck Neutz, Lisa and Jeff Meade, Dan and Maribeth Sellers, Jim and Dawn Sellers, Adele and Dave Morano and Cynthia and Shawn Fleming; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and one sister, Mrs. Katherine Boone of Clear Lake, Fremont.

Preceding her in death with her husband were her parents; a sister, Thelma Butler; and a brother-in-law, Arthur Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be at Mundy Cemetery, Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Mich.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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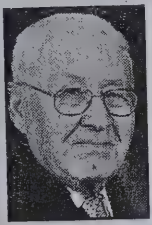
Wilbur Rekeweg

ALBION — Wilbur D. Rekeweg, age 90, a resident of High Lake in rural Albion, Indiana, died Saturday, April 4, 2009, in the Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, Indiana, following an extended illness.


Mr. Rekeweg

Wilbur was born October 25, 1918, in Woodburn, Indiana, a son of the late Arthur and Tena (Gerbers) Rekeweg. He spent his formative years on the family farm and was united in marriage on August 4, 1945, in Fort Wayne to Margaret B. Stein. They moved to their present home in 1974.

He was engaged in farming all of his life. His hobbies included playing league horseshoes in the Albion, Kimmell and Columbia City areas, and he loved to fish.

He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

His survivors include his wife of 63 years, Margaret; his children, Diann (Delart) Tewes New Bloomfield, Mo., Wayne (companion Danni Smith) Rekeweg of Fort Wayne, Ind., Paul (Nettie) Rekeweg of Woodburn, Ind., and Glen (Christine) Rekeweg of Coldwater, Mich.; two sisters, Lucille Reinking of Leo, Ind., and Lavon Koenemann of Woodburn, Ind.

Also, 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren survive.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Rekeweg.

Funeral services for Wilbur will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 10 a.m. in the Faith Lutheran Church, 9251 East State Road 205 in Churubusco, Ind., with Pastor Lane Burgland officiating.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, 7616 Bull Rapids Road, Woodburn, Ind.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Ind., and Thursday morning from 9 a.m. until service time at the church.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Faith Lutheran Church or to a church or organization of the donors choice. Envelopes will be available in the funeral home.

You are invited to leave an online condolence to the family by going to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Judith Harding

PIONEER, Ohio — Judith Anita "Judy" Harding, 65 of Pioneer died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at her home following a six-month illness.

Mrs. Harding was a homemaker and had retired in 2003 from Pioneer Transformer as a supervisor following 20 years of services.

She graduated from North Central High School in Pioneer in 1962. Mrs. Harding was a former Girl Scout leader.

She was born April 11, 1944, in Madison Township, Williams County, Ohio, to Forrest H. Yoder and Helen R. (Harrington) Yoder.

Surviving are her mother, Helen and William Hill Sr. of Pioneer; a daughter, Julie and Timothy Fackler of Pioneer; two brothers, Jerry Yoder of Pioneer and Jody and Trudy Yoder of Camden, Mich.; a sister, Sherrill and Mitch Reed of Camden, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack H. Harding in July 2000; a grandson, Travis L. Harding; her father, Forrest F. Yoder; two sisters, Judy Ann Yoder and Faith Elaine Yoder; and a nephew, Jerry Lee Yoder Jr.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. today at Floral Grove Cemetery in Pioneer with Pastor Mike Dunson officiating.

Memorials are to the C.H. & W.C. — Hospice.

Thompson Funeral Home in Pioneer in charge of arrangements.

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Erma Burch

HAMILTON — Erma L. Burch, 102, of Hamilton and formerly of Edon, Ohio, died Monday, April 6, 2009, at 8:15 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Burch was a homemaker.

She was a former member of the Edon Church of Christ, and a former member of the Rebeka Lodge in Hamilton.

She was born July 29, 1906, in Steuben County to Germ and Maude (Riley) Robinette. She married Gael C. Burch on Nov. 24, 1926. He died Feb. 6, 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Roxanna Burch of Hamilton; a daughter, Janice Creager of Hamilton; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great -grandchildren; and a sister, Esther Whitman also of Edgerton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Raymond, Kenneth, Alvin, Denver and Deloy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton with the Rev. Donna Holcomb officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Heart Association or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Billie Eppley

LIVINGSTON, Tenn. — Billie Carl Eppley, 56, of Livingston died Friday, April 3, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Eppley had worked as a truck driver for Rock Island Express.

He was born July 29, 1952, in Wabash County to Richard and Mildred M. (Knotts) Eppley.

Surviving are his wife, Charyl Eppley of Livingston; four daughters, Billie Jean (Joey) Carpenter of Fairmount, Ind., Jessica Fohl of Gary, Ind., Stefani Williams of Huntington, Ind., and Leilani Shaffer of Canfield, Ohio; a son, John (Stephania) Eppley of Fairmount; a brother, Korki (Shelly) Wilson of Muncie; three sisters, Mardgot Swisher of Alexandria, Ind., Candi Hayse of New York and Susie Earhart of Wabash; three grandchildren; and five stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother; a sister, Patricia; a brother, Rick Eppley; and a grandson, Tristian Carpenter.

Services were held Monday at Speck Funeral Home in Livingston.

Burial was in Monroe Cemetery.

Arthur Leugers

MINSTER, Ohio — Arthur H. Leugers, 78, of Minster died Monday, April 5, 2009, at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Minster. He had been ill for five months.

Mr. Leugers had retired from New Idea in Coldwater, Ohio, in 1996.

He was a member of the Knights of St. John in Maria Stein, Ohio, the American Legion Post in Maria Stein and was a lifetime member of the VFW Post in Chickasaw, Ohio.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was the son of Heriman and Leona (Huber) Leugers. He married Bonnie Jean Atkins on Sept. 15, 1984.

Surviving are a stepson and his wife, Michael and Linda Growthrop of Angola; a brother, Henry Leugers of Maria Stein; a sister, Rosemary Moeller of Maria Stein; a stepgranddaughter; two stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Helen Leugers.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Leugers and a sister, Alvina Bernard.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Rose Catholic Church in St. Rose, Ohio.

Burial will be in St. Rose Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday.

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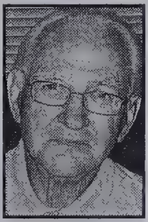
Oscar Wells Jr.

WATERLOO — Oscar Ray Wells Jr., 78, died Sunday, April 5, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Wells Jr.

Mr. Wells worked at the former Souder Hospital in Auburn. He retired in 1991 after 35 years at Garrett Flexible.

Following his retirement he ran his own gravel pit off of U.S. 6 in Corunna.

He was born April 1, 1931, in Garret to Oscar and Gladys (Curtland) Wells. He married Susan Kay (Strand) Johnson on Feb. 17, 1978, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Tony Wells and Cindy Brown of Auburn, Tim and Carol Wells of Auburn, Joe and Virgie Wells of Ashley and Rick Wells of Waterloo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Dan Elkins of Waterloo and Julie and Cliff Casebere of Waterloo; three stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Jeff Johnson of Auburn, Wayne and Verna Johnson of Nashville, Tenn., and Scott Johnson of Auburn; 21 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Violet Muzzillo of Corunna and Clara and John Cox of Corunna; and his former wife, Joan Rempis of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Betty Lou Wells and Scharlotte Long.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Greg, Alec, Jason, Jake, Josh, Cody, Bryan and Tyler.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Robert Laughlin

LAGRANGE — Robert Laughlin, 94, of LaGrange died Monday, April 6, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Gordon Noble

MIDDLEBURY — Gordon E. Noble, 75, of North Middlebury died Monday, April 6, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ryans Place.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at milerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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April 8, 2009, Wednesday

Longtime historic site curator Sweeney dies

FORT WAYNE — Margie C. Sweeney, who served as curator/manager of the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site in Rome City for 29 years, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following an extended illness.

Sweeney worked for the state for 32 years. She accepted the post of curator at the Gene Stratton-Porter site in 1973 and continued in the same job, by then called property manager, until she retired on Aug. 31, 2002. A native of the Berne-Geneva area, she had previously worked at the Limberlost State Historic Site in Geneva.

A full obituary appears on Page A4.

Margie Sweeney

FORT WAYNE — Margie C. Sweeney, 77, of Fort Wayne died at 9:55 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Sweeney served as curator/manager of the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site in Rome City for 29 years.

Mrs. Sweeney

Mrs. Sweeney worked for the state for 32 years. She accepted the post of curator at the Gene Stratton-Porter site in 1973 and continued in the same job, by then called property manager, until she retired on Aug. 31, 2002. She also retired from the Salvation Army after several years of service.

Under Mrs. Sweeney's leadership, the carriage house on the property was restored and the bodies of Stratton-Porter and her daughter were moved to the site and entombed in a new crypt by what Sweeney said was the author's favorite tree.

Mrs. Sweeney also named the Miss Limberlost pageant.

A native of the Berne-Geneva area, she had previously worked at the Limberlost State Historic Site in Geneva.

She attended the Salvation Army Church.

She was born on Oct. 24, 1931, in Decatur, the daughter of Walter D. and Thelma B. (Branstetter) Tester.

Surviving are a son, Michael Sweeney of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Bill Tester of Garrett and Jerry Tester of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Karen K. Tester.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, with Major Mark Turner officiating. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery in Geneva.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

Condolences may be sent onlien to www.glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Roger Targgart

WAWAKA — Roger Lee Targgart, 53, of Wawaka died Monday, April 6, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital.

Services will be held at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, on Saturday at 10 a.m., with Pastor Jimmy Robbins officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Goshen Center for Cancer Care, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen IN 46527.

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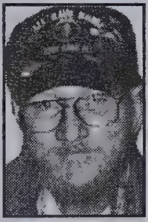
James Stemen

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — James L. Stemen, 62, of Colorado Springs died Thursday, April 3, 2009, at the Pikes Peak Hospice Residence.

Mr. Stemen had resided in Colorado Springs since 1985.


Mr. Stemen

He was a disabled American veteran. He served his country in the United States Army for more than 17 years and was a victim of Agent Orange. He was a member of the DAV, the VFW and the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Mr. Stemen was a graduate of East High School in Butler, Ind., and attended National College. He earned an associate degree in business and a Bachelor of Science degree.

He was born July 5, 1946, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Homer and Helen (Bry) Stemen. He married Elaine Sandra Mascarenas on May 5, 1973, in Colorado Springs. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James J. and Tina Stemen of Colorado Springs; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Stemen-Krause and Henry Krause of Colorado Springs; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and Brad Karris and Marge and Jim Myers; all of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held, with military honors, at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Shrine of Remembrance "America the Beautiful" Chapel.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the family.

Dora Clark

HUDSON — Dora E. Clark, 83, of Hudson died Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at Select Speciality Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Lucille Marsh

ANTWERP, Ohio — Lucille Marsh, 82, of Antwerp died Sunday, April 5, 2009, at The Gardens of Paulding.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Dooley Funeral Home in Antwerp. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery at Antwerp.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Anna Longtine

KENDALLVILLE — Anna Longtine, 87, of Kendallville died Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with calling 4-8 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Robert Laughlin

LAGRANGE — Robert Laughlin, 94, of LaGrange died Monday, April 6, 2009, at his residence.

A lifetime LaGrange County resident, he was an excavator with Laughlin Construction in LaGrange for many years.

He was a member of LaGrange County Farm Bureau and Northeast Indiana Steam and Gas Association.

Mr. Laughlin was born on June 8, 1914, in LaGrange County to Charles Franklin and Eleanor Pearl (Rossman) Laughlin. He married Mildred B. Sweitzer on Dec. 19, 1953, in Howe. She preceded him in death on April 22, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and John Halsey of LaGrange; two grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Mary Reade of LaGrange.

Also preceding him in death were two sisters, Ruth Steinbarger and Pauline Brown, and a brother, Edward Laughlin.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Wilbur D. Rekeweg, 90

ALBION – Wilbur D. Rekeweg, age 90, a resident of High Lake in rural Albion, Indiana died Saturday April 4, 2009 in the Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, Indiana following an extended illness.

Wilbur was born October 25, 1918 in Woodburn, Indiana a son of the late Arthur and Tena (Gerbers) Rekeweg.

He spent his formative years on the family farm and was united in marriage on August 4, 1945 in Fort Wayne to Margaret B. Stein.

They moved to their present home in 1974. He was engaged in farming all of his life.

His hobby's included playing league horse shoes, in the Albion, Kimmel, and Columbia City areas, and love to fish. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

His survivors include his wife of 63 years Margaret, children Diann (Delart) Tewes New Bloomfield, Mo., Wayne (Companion Danni Smith) Rekeweg of Fort Wayne, In., Paul (Nettie) Rekeweg of Woodburn, In. and Glen (Christine) Rekeweg of Coldwater, Mi. 2 sisters; Lucille Reinking of Leo, In. and Lavon Koenemann of Woodburn, In. Also 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother Raymond Rekeweg.

Funeral services for Wilbur will be held on Thursday April 9, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in the Faith Lutheran Church 9251 East State Road 205 in Churubusco, In. with Pastor Lane Burgland officiating. A graveside service will be held on Thursday at 2:00 P.M. in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery 7616 Bull Rapids Road Woodburn, In.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, In. and Thursday morning from 9:00 A.M. until service time at the church.

For those who wish memorials may be directed to the Faith Lutheran Church or to a church or organization of the donors choice. Envelopes will be available in the funeral home.

You are invited to leave an online condolence to the family by going to, www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Wyvona Scott, 85

Wyvona "Bonnie" Scott, age 85, died on April 3rd, 2009 at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, Kendallville, IN.

A lifelong Noble County resident, she had been a resident of the Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home for the past 10 months.

She was born March 17, 1924 to Emanuel Emery Christlieb (1889-1956) and Alta Mae Steinbarger (1895-1986) in Ligonier, IN.

Wyvona married Paul Raymond Scott (1922-1974) in Kendallville, Noble County, IN on June 27, 1945.

She was the proud mother of two sons: DeLane Ray Scott and DaleLyn Ross Scott.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She worked at the Lutheran Home, King Seely, Magnavox and other area businesses. She loved music, travel and cooking. She loved the Spirit Band, played the organ and danced every chance she got.

She is survived by her sons, DeLane (Diann) Scott (Ashley, IN) and DaleLyn Scott (Kendallville, IN). Three granddaughters and twelve great-grandchildren: Kelly and Larry McCoy (their children: Stephanie Lynne, Ashlee Renee, Katie Alizabeth, Cassidy Nicole, Destiney Rae, AlecZander Christian and Ruby Grace) of Butler, IN; DeLayna and Kenny Lehner (their children: Avery Wayne and Austin Scott) of Garrett, IN; and TaNaya and Tim Gorski (their children: Austin Matthew, Seth Andrew and Gabriel Robert) of Madison, IN.

One brother, Roland Royce Christlieb (1911-1916) preceded her in death. Her half-sister, Maredith "Rita" Barnes (1933-1996) also preceded her in death.

Services were held April 6, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home. Rev. Al Wingfield officiated. Burial took place in Orange Cemetry, Brimfield.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001. (www.alzfdn.org or phone 866-232-8484)

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Hilda L. Schneider, 88

FORT WAYNE — Hilda L. Schneider, 88, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, April 3, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Schneider had lived most of her life in Kendallville prior to moving to Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 3, 1920, in Kendallville to Clarence and Daisy (Brugh) Getts.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edward D. and Donna Kenestrick, Durham, N.C.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Constance L. and David T. Andrews, Fort Wayne, and Judith A. and Jon McCreery, Mobile, Ala.; seven grandchildren; numerous great and great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia Bortner, Albion.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Howard Kenestrick; a sister, Doris Wilson; a granddaughter, Bethany Wynn; and two nephews, Jim Bortner and Jerry Bortner.

Services were April 7, 2009 at Young Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial took place in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 1900 Carew St., Suite 6, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Roger Targgart

WAWAKA — Roger Lee Targgart, 53, of Wawaka died at 8:56 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Targgart

Mr. Targgart was a lifetime area resident.

He had worked as a foreman at Starcraft RV for nearly 30 years.

Mr. Targgart enjoyed touring lighthouses, attending tractor and steam engine shows and visiting train museums.

He was born Dec. 8, 1955, in LaGrange to Ronald and Clara Mae (High) Targgart. They survive in Kendallville.

He married Crystal M. Conrad on June 9, 1979, in Wawaka. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are three children and their spouses, Matthew and Robin Targgart of Ligonier, Travis and Candice Targgart of Kimmell and Stacey and Travis Holton of Coeur d'Arlene, Idaho; a sister, Karen Lambright of Topeka; a niece, Rachel Eminger of Granger; a nephew, Adam Lambright of Topeka; a great-nephew, Tyler Eminger of Howe; his mother-in-law, Mary Conrad of Albion; and a brother-in-law, Brain Conrad of Kimmell.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William and Edith (Mapes) High; paternal grandparents, Ted and Mary (Domer) Targgart; and his father-in-law, Donald Conrad.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Center for Cancer Care, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46527.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuenralhome.com.

Ada Louise Pankop

CHURUBUSCO — Ada Louise Pankop, 80, a resident of Churubusco, died at 12:50 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Pankop

Mrs. Pankop was born in Auburn on September 25, 1928, a daughter of John Andrew and Mable Vianna (Shambaugh) Englert. She spent her formative years in DeKalb County and graduated from Auburn High School in 1945.

On June 23, 1946, she was married to Donald E. Pankop. He preceded her in death on January 12, 1955. She was later married to his brother Dale R. Pankop on January 28, 1956. He preceded her in death on August 8, 2008.

She was a homemaker for most of her life, and had also worked at the former Bang's Five and Dime Store in Churubusco for a period. She spent all of her adult life in Churubusco, and had been active as a Girl Scout leader, and was president of the Churubusco High School Band Boosters.

The surviving relatives include her children, Pam (Harold) Hill of Churubusco, Marsha (Warren) Worman of Wichita, Kan., Vi (William) Sommers of Fort Wayne, Bob Pankop of Churubusco, Becky Coffelt of Columbia City, and Judy (Matt) Burrell of Garrett; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and two husbands, she was preceded in death by an infant brother, John Andrew Englert Jr; and by three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Timothy Grable, pastor of Sugar Grove Church of God, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Friday from 2-4 and from 6-8 p. m., or one hour prior to the service.

Private family burial will be held in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 East 500 South-57, Churubusco, IN 46723

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Pankop's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Anna Longtine

KENDALLVILLE — Anna Paula Longtine, 87, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Longtine was born in Haine St. Paul, Belgium, on May 30, 1921, to Leopold and Marcelline (Vandenabele) Vekens.

Mrs. Longtine

She graduated from a Belgium high school in 1938 and later from business college.

Mrs. Longtine was a World War II war bride and came over to the United States in 1946 to marry her husband, William Joseph Longtine, who was from Houghton, Michigan.

They were married on October 12, 1946, and came to Kendallville in 1949 from Michigan.

Bill preceded her in death January 2, 1984.

She was a service assistant and operator with Indiana Bell/AT&T for many years before retiring in 1979.

Although retired, Anna continued working at H&R Block in Kendallville as a tax preparer.

She was instrumental in helping to start the Meals On Wheels program in Kendallville and was very active over the years as scheduling director.

Anna was a wonderful homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her family, taking care of her great-grandkids, and hosting friends and family from out of town.

She was also proud to be a member of Business & Professional Women in Kendallville.

Survivors a daughter, Mary Claire (Barker) and Chuck Hohman of Fort Wayne, Indiana; a grandson, James Barker of Kendallville; and two great-grandchildren, Victoria "Tori" and Jeremy Barker of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandson, Aaron Barker, who preceded her death, October 14, 1986.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, April 9, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 10, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Kendallville Parks and Recreation Department.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

David Weber

ALBION — David G. Weber died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2009, at his home near Merriam.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating.

Calling will be at 10 a.m. Friday until the service at the chapel. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 246 Albion.

Rita Lambright

LAGRANGE — Rita J. Lambright, 92, of LaGrange died Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Dora Clark

HUDSON — Dora E. Clark, 83, of Hudson, Ind., died Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Clark

Mrs. Clark had been a homemaker and resided in her Hudson home.

She was a member of the Salem Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Clark enjoyed playing cards.

She was born Feb. 3, 1926, in Steuben County, Ind., to Grover and Emily Albina (Butler) Cool. They are deceased.

She married Robert M. Clark on Oct. 20, 1946. He survives in Hudson, Ind.

Also surviving are her son and his constant companion, Michael Clark and Cathy Kramer, of Hudson, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Douglas Moser of Auburn, Ind., and Mary and John Dutton of Hamilton, Ind.; a brother, James Cool of Wooster, Ohio; three grandchildren, Seth Kramer, Brandon Dutton and Dianna Moser; two stepgrandchildren, Brock Dutton and Kelle McNeil and her husband, Seth; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, John Cool and Robert Cool, and a sister, Roberta Hendricks.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2009, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. The Rev. William S. Hambright will officiate.

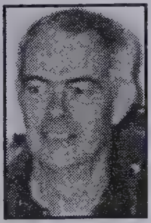
Burial will be in Block Cemetery in Steuben County, Ind.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Salem Fire Department and the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Nicholas Krider

ALBION — Nicholas Jay "Nick" Krider, 57, of Albion died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at his residence. He had been in failing health for the past several months.


Mr. Krider

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Krider was a 1969 graduate of Columbia City High School.

He attended diesel mechanic school and had been employed at Thomson Chevrolet in Columbia City at one time. He was presently employed as a set-up man for Dexter Axle in Albion.

He was born May 6, 1951, in Columbia City, the son of Toby J. and Doris May (Holycross) Krider. His mother survives in Columbia City and his father is deceased.

He married Marjorie Christine Hearld on Oct. 26, 1974, at Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a son, Michael C. "Butch" (Ashley E.) Krider of Albion; a daughter, Nikki J. Stocksdale of Albion; seven brothers and sisters, Stanley (Mary) Krider of Dublin, Ohio, Carolyn Schrader of Columbia City, Jerry (Ann) Krider of Columbia City, Mary Smith of Columbia City, Randall L. (Pepper) Krider of Columbia City, Cheryl Krider of Fort Wayne and Wanda (Jim) Albarran of Valparaiso; his in-laws, Bob and Kay Hearld of Columbia City; several nieces and nephews; and seven grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, David Krider.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Carroll McNutt, retired Church of God minister, and Pastor Sherry Long of Huntertown United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Adams Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

To send a condolence or sign the guest register, visit www.demoneygrimes.com

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Rita Lambright

LAGRANGE — Rita J. Lambright, 92, of LaGrange died Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Lambright had moved to LaGrange in 1949 from New York.

She had worked at Lambright Hatchery and Purity Market, both in LaGrange.

Mrs. Lambright

Mrs. Lambright was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and the United Methodist Women.

She was born on July 5, 1916, in Erie County, N.Y., to Edward and Clara (Albert) Pfohl. On April 6, 1935, in Erie County, N.Y., she married Raymond J. Byler. He preceded her in death on June 29, 1970. On July 28, 1974, in LaGrange, she married Kenneth B. Hammer. He preceded her in death on Feb. 13, 1989. On July 2, 1992, in LaGrange, she married Cleo Lambright. He preceded her in death on July 5, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Harvey Glick of LaGrange and Kathy and Douglas Blackman of Boise, Idaho; a son and daughter-in-law, Arthur and Judy Byler of LaGrange; seven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Nathalie Maybach of LaGrange.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters and a brother.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

David Weber

ALBION — David G. Weber of Merriam died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Weber was a lifetime Albion area resident.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran.

Mr. Weber was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246.

He was born Jan. 12, 1949, in Kendallville to Glenn and Lucille (Siebert) Weber. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Laurie Holbrook of Hampton, Va.; a sister, Cathy Kirkpatrick of Albion; and two brothers, Steve Weber and Kevin Weber, both of Albion.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Deloris Ault

AUBURN — Deloris C. Ault, 90, died Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Ault was a homemaker.

She had lived in the Butler and Auburn area all of her life.

Mrs. Ault was a member of the DeKalb County Home Demonstration Club.

She was born on July 18, 1918, in Butler to Clyde and Elsie (Oberholtzer) Ginder. She married Guy F. Ault on Aug. 14, 1939, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on July 3, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Ronald L. Ault of Del Ray Beach, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Marletta and Larry Rowe of Edgerton, Ohio; a granddaughter, Dawn M. Hopkins of Edgerton; two great-grandchildren Abby and Zaiden Hopkins of Edgerton; two stepgranddaughters, Julie (James) Caperton of Bryan, Ohio, and Cathy (David) Bowman of Montpelier, Ohio; six stepgreat-grandchildren, Natasha Wieland, Stephanie Wieland and Misha Caperton, all of Bryan, Ohio, and Alicia, Sabrina and David Bowman of Montpelier, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Scott M. Rowe in January of 2002.

Funeral services for Deloris C. Ault will be Tuesday, April 14, at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Bill Farmer officiating.

Visitation will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ronald Jacquay

AUBURN — Ronald L. Jacquay, 70, of Auburn and formerly of Clear Lake, died on Friday, April 10, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Jacquay had retired from Zollner Corp.

Mr. Jacquay

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Seabees.

Mr. Jacquay was a member of the DeKalb County Library Round Table.

He was born March 11, 1939, to Bernon and Agnes Jacquay. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Helene (Herber) Jacquay; three sons and daughters-in-law, Pierre L. and Anne Jacquay of Clear Lake, Ben and Tina Jacquay of Fort Wayne and Ted and Kelley Jacquay of New Albany; two sisters, Linda Glaze and Karen Mattingly; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Joe and Cathy Jacquay and Stan Jacquay; five grandchildren, William Fresch and his wife, Brenda, Dale Fresch, Angela Jacquay, Joey Jacquay and Kenna Jacquay; and one great-grandchild, Olivia Rose Fresch.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, John Jacquay.

Mr. Jacquay bequeathed his body to the University of Michigan Medical School's Anatomical Donation Program.

A memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be one-half hour prior to services.

Memorials may be made to YMCA Camp Potawatomi, the Steuben County Humane Society and the Down Syndrome Support Association of Southern Indiana.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Beaty Jr.

DAVIE, Fla. — Charles "Chuck" Beaty Jr., of Davie died March 9, 2009, at Florida Medical Center.

Graveside services were held March 13 at Flagler Memorial Gardens.

A celebration of life service was at his son's home in Miami, also on March 13.

Nakia Ingraham Funeral Home in Hollywood, Fla., was in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Peters

AVILLA — Virginia L. Peters, 86, of Avilla and formerly of Garrett died Thursday April 9, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Peters

She worked for five years in the Garrett School cafeteria, then worked for 15 years as a lead lady at Mossberg Industries in Garrett before retiring in 1993.

She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett where she sang in the choir.

She was born May 5, 1922, in Garrett to William H. and Helen B. (Gingery) Kleeman. She married Lloyd E. Peters in September 1945 in Garrett and he died in December 1967.

She is survived by a daughter, Janis K. Peters of Garrett; and her twin sister, Violet L. Seigel of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, James A. Peters who died in June of 1967; and a brother, Donald Kleeman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn. Tom Novy will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jack Seigel, Tim Maloney, Wayne Peters, Robert Peters, Jeff Kleeman and Herb Kleeman.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, Unit E.

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Paul Bolinger

AVILLA — Former Avilla utilities manager and Town Marshal Paul E. Bolinger, 83, died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at the Shady Rest Care Pavilion in Fort Myers, Fla. Mr. Bolinger had been in declining health for the past three years.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 17, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Dale Bauman will officiate. Burial will be in Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Military graveside services will be conducted by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. Additional visitation will be one hour prior to services Friday at the church. Tom Novy will lead a rosary at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition.

Katie Gingerich

GOSHEN — Katie Gingerich, 93, of Goshen died Thursday, April 9, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Fairhaven Amish-Mennonite Church. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Norman Carmichael

KENDALLVILLE — Norman Carmichael, 75, of Kendallville died Friday, April 10, 2009, at 3 p.m. at his residence.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Joe Tackett

ROME CITY — Joe Tackett, 71, of Rome City died Friday, April 10, 2009, at his residence in rural Rome City.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Norman Coak

BUTLER — Norman Coak of Butler died Friday, April 10, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Derek Everage

WATERLOO — Derek Eugene Everage, 28, of Waterloo died Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

Mr. Everage was a loving father, friend and son and will be greatly missed.

He was born June 15, 1980, in Princeton, W.Va., to Mitchell and Vicki (Jackson) Everage.

Surviving are his mother, Vicki Basham of Avon Park, Fla.; his grandmother, Carol Grove Harrell of Avon Park; his former wife, Heather Everage of Auburn; a daughter, Morgan Everage of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Mitchell and Amanda Everage of Avon Park; a nephew, River Everage of Avon Park; an aunt and uncle, Cindy and John Watkins of Angola; and a cousin, Abby Miller of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mitchell Everage.

A casual celebration of life will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Saturday, April 11, 2009, at the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Memorials are to his daughter's education in care of Cindy Watkins, First Federal Savings Bank.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

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A true Renaissance man

Terry Brammall had many talents, interests

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ANGOLA — The traditional definition of Renaissance man is someone with many talents and interests. Friends and family say that definition pretty much fit Terrence Brammall to a T.

Brammall, 60, died March 8 at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Montefore Hospital in Pittsburgh.

"He was very interested in life," Terrence's wife Nancy said. "He was very much wanting to learn anything he could learn. He just had a general love for life. He loved to do new things."

Brammall was an avid fisherman, hunter, gardener and later in life became interested in faceting gemstones, Nancy said.

"We went to Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas to dig for diamonds," Brammall said.

"He even went to school for faceting, he took a course in gem identification."

The two met while both were students at Tri-State University. Brammall's love for diverse subjects was evident even then, Nancy said.

"He belonged to the sports car club, the debate team and all the engineering clubs," she said. Brammall worked while going to school, and managed to fit in all the work and club activity he could, she said. "He just made the hours."

The couple's love for wildlife led them to donate 50 acres of land along Pigeon Lake and the Pigeon River to to ACRES Inc. to create the Terry and Nancy Brammall Nature Preserve, which is east of Angola on U.S. 20.

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Terrence Brammall fit a number of lifetimes of learning and working into a short 60 years. His interests were as diverse as faceting gemstones, boating, gardening and deer hunting. He is survived by his wife, Nancy.

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Friend Tom Hatfield said Brammall's love of learning even extended to some unexpected periods. Hatfield worked as a salesman for a company that sold machines to Brammall's company, Trans Guard Industries.

"We just started talking about hunting, and that turned into a friendship," Hatfield said. "We ended up hunting together for 10-15 years."

On some hunts, however, Brammall's mind seemed to be elsewhere, Hatfield said.

"I'm a very serious deer hunter, and so I'd be carrying only what I needed for the hunt. Terry would have knapsack full of books. There'd be times when he'd be reading in the tree stand."

Hatfield said Brammall's mind allowed Brammall to do things others couldn't.

"He was amazing. When I met him he was just starting Trans Guard. As we'd introduce new models we'd have a lot of machines that we realized were past their prime. He'd buy those and he would strip the machines down and you'd see them later on and they would be all painted and he's making new parts."

Sometimes, Hatfield said, Brammall could get over his head on some projects.

"As brilliant an engineer as he was, he had this attitude that he could do everything," Hatfield said. "He got himself into a lot of fixes where he'd get in over his head. He was sometimes one of those absent-minded professor types."

Tony Smith of Smith Enterprises worked with Brammall for many years.

"When he was at Trans Guard he was buying tires from me. Then, he helped me when I was opening up a wheel business. He built equipment for me," Smith said. "We just became closer and became friends."

Brammall's son, Hezekiah Davis, remembered his father's exploits as a sailor.

"He owned several different boats, he even chartered a boat in The Bahamas," Davis said. "He had an adventurous personality."

Nancy said her husband had to leave his company after 2000 after he discovered he required a multi-visceral transplant.

"That didn't keep his mind from working, even if physically he wasn't able to pursue the things he wanted to do," she said.

Davis said he thought that his father knew that he wouldn't have as much time as other people, so he did his best to fit in everything he could into the time he had.

"He didn't know when his time was going to come," Davis said. "He never let his illness effect what he was going to to pursue."

Terry Adams

ANGOLA — Terry Adams, 61, of Angola died Thursday, April 9, 2009, at her home in Angola.

She worked as a computer programmer for Northeastern Center. She also was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola and a former member of Little River Chapter of the Sweet Adelines. Mrs. Adams was a counselor with CAVA.

She was born July 22, 1947, in Beckley, W. Va., to Mason and Ida (Null) Eastridge.

On Aug. 31, 1974, she married Norman Adams. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons, Brian Adams of Angola, Chip Adams of Benton Harbor, Mich., and Scott Adams of West Lafayette; one brother, Ronald Eastridge of Cleveland, Ohio, and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at First Congregational Church of Christ in Angola with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or CAVA.

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Paul Moore

AUBURN — Paul C. Moore, 76, of Auburn passed away Saturday morning, April 11, 2009, at his home.

A graduate of Wawaka High School, Paul enlisted with the Marine Corps and served during the Korean Conflict. He retired in 1986 after 30 years with International Harvester and was an active member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Moore

Born Dec. 30, 1932, in Albion, he was the son of the late Clarence and Bessie (Wells) Moore.

He married Glenda L. Hawk on Aug. 9, 1957, in Albion, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Leesa and Rick Houser of Butler; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Bob Moore of Tipton and Wayne and Ina Moore of Ligonier; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Joan Davis of Fort Wayne, Helen and Delbert Hipshire of Columbia City and Judy and Harold Sparrow of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were an infant son, David Michael Moore, and a sister, Mildred Miller.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lorne MacMillan and the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Norman Coak

BUTLER — Norman "Bill" Coak, 70, of Butler died Friday, April 10, 2009, at his home.

He worked for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad as a yard master in New Haven for 33 years before retiring in 1989. He loved and was proud of being a farmer. He farmed his land all of his life. He was a former member of the New Haven Eagles. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Army National Guard and the Reserves.

He was born Sept. 26, 1938, in Fort Wayne to the late Sanford E. and Anna (Armstrong) Coak.

He married Mary Noblit on Sept. 23, 1988, in Defiance, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ricky and Carol Coak of Fort Wayne, Chad and Rhonda Coak of Butler and Chad Tepfer of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jody and Rick Frye of Waterloo and Nichole Priniski of Hamilton; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Edith Hershberger of Auburn and Gladys of Maryland; and a brother, Sanford Coak Jr. of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Coak, and four sisters, Dorothea Rolley, Dorothy Hall, Marie Hand and Juanita Gronau.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Ken Weaver will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. Serving as pallbearers will be Luke Coak, Austin Coak, Caleb Coak, Derrick Staley, Fred Johnson and Steven Warstler.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family asks that any memorial donations be directed to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department or the Children First Center in Auburn.

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Darlene Johnson

LIGONIER — Darlene Johnson, 60, of Ligonier, died Saturday, April 11, 2009, at 6:50 p.m. at her residence after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born Feb. 7, 1949, in Seymour to Walter & Elsie (Barger) Riley. She married James Leo Johnson Sr. on July 2, 1965

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Johnson moved from Hamilton, Ohio to Ligonier in 1977. She retired from Kidd & Company in Ligonier. She was a member of the Baptist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary in Ligonier.

Survivors are her husband James; daughters Chistina (Edward) Gillespie of Albion, Elsie Weldy of Ligonier and Thelma (Tony) Chavez of Goshen; five grandchildren, Cheyenne & Adriana Weldy, Anthony, Ethan and Nicholas Chavez; one brother and 4 sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, James Leo Johnson Jr. in 1983; five brothers and four sisters.

Services will be Wednesday April 15, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Gary Allen officiating. Interment will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 14, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 South Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Beatrice Jones

STURGIS. Mich. — Beatrice Jones, 71, of Sturgis died Saturday, April 11, 2009, at 12:50 p.m. at Thurston Woods Village, Sturgis.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Helen Benzinger

AUBURN — Helen F. Benzinger, 58, of Auburn and formerly of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., died Saturday, April 11, 2009, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

She was born April 29, 1950, in Iron Mountain, Mich., to George Clifford and Sonya Jean (Denny) Powell.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brooke E. and Todd Ameling of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Preston W. and Paula Benzinger of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Mike Powell of Fort Wayne, George Powell of Fort Wayne, John Skaggs of Las Vegas, NV, Rich Skaggs of Poe, and Stacy Pease of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Norma Butterfield of Yucca Valley, CA, Lisa Barnoske of Fort Wayne, and Kathy Cooper of Indianapolis; and four grandchildren, Bryce Ameling, Mason Schwartz, Bronson Schwartz and Cassi Schwartz.

There will be no calling or funeral services conducted.

Memorials may be directed to the Ronald McDonald House or the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Ft Wayne.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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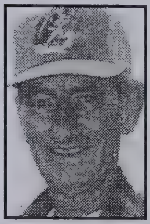
Norman Carmichael

KENDALLVILLE — Norman Ross Carmichael, 75, of Kendallville died on Friday, April 10, 2009 at his residence in Kendallville.


Mr. Carmichael

Mr. Carmichael was born in East Chicago, Indiana, on April 7, 1934 to Harley Everett and Hazel Lena (Anderson) Carmichael.

He married Florence Janice Gearhart January 9, 1954, in Crownpoint, Indiana, and she preceded his death August 1, 2007.

Norm was employed in the sanitation department with Kraft Foods in Kendallville before retiring in 1996.

Prior to that, he worked at AmeriGas in Kendallville for about ten years.

Norm loved moto-cross racing, fishing, woodworking and playing his guitar and singing.

Survivors include: two sons, John Bryan and Deanna Carmichael of Avilla and Scott Carmichael of Kendallville; four grandchildren: Nichole Carmichael of Fort Wayne, Katie Carmichael and Chris Eddingfield of Pleasant Lake, Cody Carmichael of Kendallville and Chris Carmichael of Kendallville; three stepgrandchildren, Ben and Derek Tuffley of Kendallville and Kyle Tuffley and his wife, Carolyn of Fort Wayne; great-grandchildren, Travis Tuffley and Bryan Eddingfield; five sisters, Alice Marks of Kendallville, Sharon Garringer of Fort Wayne, Katheryn Neil of Florida, Mary Akers of Schererville and JoAnn Potter of Crownpoint; and five brothers, Phil Carmichael of Logansport, John Carmichael of Fish Lake, Kenny Carmichael of Logansport, Jack Carmichael of Rensselaer and Clete Carmichael of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brother, Don Carmichael; sisters, Shirley Tipton and Ruby Fredericks; and grandson, Travis Tuffley in 1992.

Visitation will be Monday, April 13, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with one of visitation before the funeral service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

View a video tribute by Monday or send online condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Oriean Clayton

WAWAKA — Oriean Winford Clayton, 86, of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, died on Sunday, April 12, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 15, 2009, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Gerald Ringenberg officiating.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

To view a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Blanche Finley

KENDALLVILLE — Blanche Finley, 81, of Kendallville and formerly of Brookville, Ohio, died on Saturday, April 11, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at Gilbert-Fellers Funeral Home in Brookville, Ohio. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Gilbert-Fellers Funeral Home. Burial will be at Arlington Cemetery in Brookville.

Condolences can be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Local arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Joseph Tackett

ROME CITY — Joseph Tackett, 70, of Rome City died on Friday, April 10, 2009, at his rural Rome City home.

He was born in Melvin, Ky. on July 4, 1938, to Levi and Milvina (Birks) Tackett He married Mary Sharlotte Eagleson on Oct. 16, 1965, in Brimfield.

He was employed with Newnam/Dalton Foundry since 1962 and retired in 2000 with perfect attendance.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Sharlotte Tackett of Rome City; two daughters, Sheila and Tony Musser of Kendallville and Mary and Dion Ridenour of Rome City; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and eleven siblings: Amos, Dingus, Demus, Clyde and Denver Tackett; Cora Tackett, Oma Tackett, Bernice Allen, two infant brothers and one infant sister.

Visitation will be Monday, April 13, 2009, any time after 2 p.m. at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford with evening services at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Independent Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Earl Bolen. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville. Casketbearers will be Troy Frasure, Bill Woody, Jason Holiday, David Sawyer, Aren Winebrenner, Bill Schmidt, and Mike Emerick.

Preferred memorials may be made to to the church.

To view a video tribute by or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403South Main St., Kendallville.

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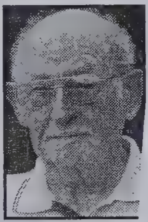
Paul Bolinger

AVILLA — Paul E. Bolinger, 83, died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at the Shady Rest Care Pavilion in Fort Myers, Fla. Mr. Bolinger had been in declining health for the past three years.


Mr. Bolinge

Mr. Bolinger retired from the town of Avilla in 1988 as its utility manager, a position he held from 1978 to 1988.

Prior to that he served as the town marshal from 1966 to 1977 and served on the Avilla Town Board from 1992 to 1996.

Mr. Bolinger also owned his own business, Avilla Engraving.

He moved to Avilla in 1966 from Auburn. In 2001 he moved to Florida.

Mr. Bolinger also served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army Ai Corps.

Mr. Bolinger was active in the Garrett chapter of the Knights of Columbus and was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240 and several other organizations.

Mr. Bolinger was born o March 14, 1926, in Piercton Ind., to Ervin and Cecil Ma (Wilson) Bolinger.

On March 25, 1945, in Champaign, Ill., he married his first wife, Beulah M. Jetmore. She died Dec. 22, 1982. In August of 1986, at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, he marrie Patricia Walt. She survives in Florida.

Other survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Nini Bolinger of Fremont, Calif., Barry Bolinger of Albion and Bradley and Charlotte Bolinger of Flower Mound, Texas; his extended family, Charlene Stomm, Charles Rhodes and Paul Rhodes; five grandsons; seven great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Glen Bollinger of Kendallville and Clarence Bolinger of Staton, Texas.

Mr. Bolinger was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother; and a sister.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla with military graveside services by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, and one hour prior to Mass on Friday at the church. The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with Tom Novy leading the service.

Rollie Reeder

KENDALLVILLE — Rollie W. Reeder, 81, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 12, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Reeder worked for 31 years at County Line Cheese, retiring in 1984. He also drove a school bus for the East Noble School Corp. for 13 years.

He graduated from Garrett High School and was a World War II Army Air Force veteran.

He was born in Richland Township in DeKalb County on July 10, 1927, to Charles Sr. and Cora (Boren) Reeder. He married Emma Stebing on July 1, 1950, in DeKalb County. She died Feb. 23, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Homer Morgan of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Barbara Reeder of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Dannielle Gibson and Benjamin Morgan; a great-grandson, Hunter Michael Gibson; and three sisters, Mable Bry of Auburn, Reah Stebing of Auburn and Audry Albright of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Wesley M. Reeder; a great-grandson, Charles Hamilton Gibson; and two brothers, Charles Reeder Jr. and Robert E. Reeder.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sedan Cemetery near Corunna with the Rev. Earl Bolen officiating.

Burial will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Lions Eye Bank.

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Hilda Wasson

AUBURN — Hilda M. Wasson, 88, of Auburn died Sunday, April 12, 2009, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Wasson was a homemaker.

She was a member of Dayspring Community Church in Auburn.

She was born July 6, 1920, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, to Artie and Blanche (Myers) McNamara. She married Jean W. Wasson on April 27, 1944, in Leo. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas D. and Becky Wasson of Auburn and Steven Wasson of Avilla; a daughter, Susan Bailey of Huntington; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Mildred Anderson; a brother, Hubert McNamara; a son-in-law, David Bailey; and a daughter-in-law, Sharon Wasson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, DeKalb County Unit, P.O. Box 722, Auburn, IN 46706.

Jean Saul

ANGOLA — Jean Saul, 86, of Angola died Dec. 8, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Saul was a homemaker.

She had served in the U.S. Army in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during World War II.

She was born Jan. 14, 1922, in Branch County, Mich., to Earl and Clara (Stiles) Paul.

Surviving are nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, La Moyne Saul, on Jan. 1, 1999; five brothers; and two sisters.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Steuben County with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Eugene Smith

LAGRANGE — Eugene R. Smith Sr., 60, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 12, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Eugene Smith II.

Roberta Lesh

ANGOLA — Roberta A. Lesh, 88, of Angola died Sunday, April 12, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton.

Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton is in charge of arrangements.

Beatrice Jones

STURGIS, Mich. — Beatrice A. Jones, 71, of Sturgis, Mich., died at 12:50 p.m. Saturday, April 11, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Pastor John Shoup officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Ann Sachen

AUBURN — Ann M. Sachen, 92, of Auburn died Monday, April 13, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Sachen worked for 15 years for Sheller Globe in Grabill, retiring in 1980.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born in Hammond on Oct. 18, 1916, to Joseph and Jennie (Shultz) Ambre. She married William "Bill" Sachen in Aurora, Ill., on May 20, 1939. He died Oct. 8, 2001.

Surviving are a son and two daughters-in-law, Kenneth W. and Sue Sachen of Fort Wayne and Sheila Sachen of Harrison, Mich.; five daughters and four sons-in-law, JoAnn and Allen Fair of Auburn, Paula Davis of Fort Wayne, Linda and Vern Owen of Fort Wayne, Ellen and Rick Gonser of Kendallville and Stephanie and the Rev. Jack Wolfe of Sugar Hill, Ga.; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Eleanore Zander of Oakview, Calif., and Leanore Smith of Bellflower, Calif.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gerald "Jerry" F. Sachen; a granddaughter, Sarah Moyer; three brothers, Larry, Earl and Raymond Ambre; and five sisters, Louise Burgholzer, Collette Shuster, Earlene Petit, Theresa Ambre and Jeanette Hankes.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Robert Smith

SYRACUSE — Robert Warren "Bob" Smith, 88, of Syracuse died Friday, April 10, 2009, at VA Northern Indiana Healthcare in Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Syracuse Cemetery with military rites.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Memorials are to Wawasee Camp of the Gideons International, P.O. Box 101 Syracuse, IN 46567.

Online condolences are to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

John Chamberlin

KENDALLVILLE — John Chamberlin, 79, of Kendallville died Monday, April 13, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville

Donald Mosher

ROANOKE — Donald D. "Hugger Man" Mosher, 77, of Roanoke died Saturday, April 11, 2009.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Seminary United Methodist Church, 285 N. Seminary St. in Roanoke.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Seminary United Methodist Church or the Visiting Nurse & Hospice, care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750.

Condolences may be sent online to www.myersfuneralhomes.com.

Max Hughes

VINCENNES — Max A. Hughes, 76, of Vincennes died Sunday, April 12, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Hughes had been a resident of Vincennes most of his life and spent the winter months in Florida and Texas.

He had retired in 1992 from the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center.

Mr. Hughes was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of the Harmony Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and National Rifle Association.

He was born Sept. 29, 1932, in Elwood. He married Theresa Haala on Sept. 3, 1960. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Reed and Lynn Hughes of Terre Haute and Eric and Jacque Hughes of Vincennes; a daughter and son-in-law, Renee and John Wagner of Angola; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Vincennes with Father Jason Gries officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Gardner-Brockman Funeral Home, 505 Main St., Vincennes.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to www.gardnerbrockman.com.

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Burdette Phillips

PLEASANT LAKE — Burdette E. Phillips, 87, of Pleasant Lake died at 10:17 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mr. Phillips had worked for the city of Angola and at Tri-State University.

He attended Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Mr. Phillips was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Feb. 2, 1922, in Pleasant Lake to Claude and Delsi (Meek) Phillips.

Surviving are his wife, Deloris I. (Eakright) Phillips of Pleasant Lake, whom he married on March 16, 1946; a sister, Joan Mynhier of Pleasant Lake; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Arlene Wisel, and a brother, Ned Phillips.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Mt. Zion Cemetery with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating.

There will be no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

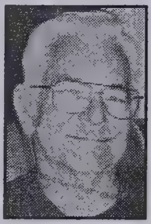
John Chamberlin

KENDALLVILLE — John Frederick Chamberlin, age 79, of rural Kendallville, died on Monday, April 13, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Chamberlin was born in Milford Township, LaGrange County, Indiana, on June 29, 1929, to Frank Sherman and Anna Mary (Leitch) Chamberlin.

He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1947.

John started working at Kraft Foods in Kendallville in 1948 and retired after 43 years of service in 1991.


Mr. Chamberlin

He worked in various capacities over the years, including in the cooking and maintenance departments.

Survivors include two daughters, Rebecca and Cecil Crotts of South Milford and Carni Cay Chamberlin of Gulfport, Mississippi; a son, Gayle and Angie Chamberlin of Alexandria, Minnesota; seven grandchildren, Lena Bowin of Gulfport, John and Stephanie Bowin of Gulfport, Lori and Randy Smith of Kendallville, Angela Crotts of South Milford, and Tristan, Titus and Torii Chamberlin, all of Alexandria; and seven great-grandchildren, Donovon, Tehla, Andrew and Brian Bowin all of Gulfport, Lucien Cogburn of Gulfport, and Ethan and Evan Smith of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his granddaughter, Amanda Crotts, who died in 1999.

Visitation will be Friday, April 17, 2009, from 2-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Steve Brittenham.

Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

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Charles Shaw Sr.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Charles E. Shaw Sr., 69, of Wolcottville died Saturday, April 11, 2009, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Shaw had retired from Indiana Wire. He had also been a member of the Shaw Family Band.

He was an avid CB radio operator, fisherman and NASCAR fan.

He was born April 4, 1940, in Dunfee, Ind., to Robert and Mary (Barkdall) Shaw.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly; a son, Charles E. Shaw Jr. of Rome City; a daughter, Penny Rachel of Antwerp, Ohio; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Donna Schenk of Columbia City; a brother, George Shaw of Fort Wayne; and his stepmother, Anita Shaw of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. David Misner officiating.

Private burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Rollie Reeder

KENDALLVILLE — Rollie W. Reeder, 81, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 12, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Reeder worked for 31 years at County Line Cheese, retiring in 1984. He also drove a school bus for the East Noble School Corp. for 13 years.

He graduated from Garrett High School and was a World War II Army Air Force veteran.

He was born in Richland Township in DeKalb County on July 10, 1927, to Charles Sr. and Cora (Boren) Reeder. He married Emma Stebing on July 1, 1950, in DeKalb County. She died Feb. 23, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Homer Morgan of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Barbara Reeder of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Dannielle Gibson and Benjamin Morgan; a great-grandson, Hunter Michael Gibson; and three sisters, Mable Bry of Auburn, Reah Stebing of Auburn and Audry Albright of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Wesley M. Reeder; a great-grandson, Charles Hamilton Gibson; and two brothers, Charles Reeder Jr. and Robert E. Reeder.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sedan Cemetery near Corunna with the Rev. Earl Bolen officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Lions Eye Bank.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 15, 2009 Wednesday

Oriean Winford Clayton, 86

WAWAKA – Oriean Winford Clayton, age 86, of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, died on Sunday, April 12, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Clayton was born in West Terre Haute, Indiana on January 10, 1923 to James Edward and Flora Belle Clayton. He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps at a young age.

He later went on to serve his country from 1946-1948 in the United States Army during WWII. He earned the rank of Tech Sgt and served in Alaska, Philippines, and Korea.

He married Margaret Ann Doan on January 10, 1948 in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Clayton was a semi trailer mechanic and employed for twelve years by E.W. Bohren Trucking in Woodburn, Indiana.

He retired from a small tooling factory in Michigan called J&F Manufacturing, after fifteen years.

Following Oriean's retirement, they moved to Steinbarger Lake in June 1986.

Oriean loved his family and was a proud 50 year member of the West Terre Haute Masonic Lodge #687 where he was a Master Mason.

He enjoyed spending his day in his garage fixing things and welding garden gates for his family and friends.

Survivors include: his wife of 61 years, Margaret Ann Clayton of Wawaka; two sons, Oriean D. (Gloria) Clayton of Tecumseh, Michigan, Alan W. (Debra) Clayton of Fort Wayne; grandsons: Jeffrey (Tiffany) Clayton of Cincinnati, Ohio; Marc Clayton of Manchester, Michigan; and Michael Clayton of Ann Arbor, Michigan; great granddaughters, Jacqueline and Katharine Clayton; and many nieces and nephews that Oriean was very close to.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, infant Raymond, and Harold, Robert, Benjamin, James, and Wayne Clayton; and a sister, Jeanetta Moilanen.

Funeral Services were at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Gerald Ringenberg.

Preferred Memorials may be made to donor's choice. Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Norman Ross Carmichael, 75

KENDALLVILLE – Norman Ross Carmichael, age 75, of Kendallville died on Friday, April 10, 2009 at his residence in Kendallville.

Mr. Carmichael was born in East Chicago, Indiana on April 7, 1934 to Harley Everett and Hazel Lena (Anderson) Carmichael.

He married January 9, 1954 in Crownpoint, Indiana and she preceded his death August 1, 2007.

Norm was employed in the sanitation department with Kraft Foods in Kendallville before retiring in 1996.

Prior to that, he worked at AmeriGas in Kendallville for about ten years.

Norm loved moto-cross racing, fishing, woodworking and playing his guitar and singing.

Survivors include: two sons, John Bryan (Deanna) Carmichael of Avilla, Scott Carmichael of Kendallville.; four grandchildren, Nichole Carmichael of Fort Wayne, Katie Carmichael (Chris) Eddingfield of Pleasant Lake, Cody Carmichael of Kendallville, Chris Carmichael of Kendallville; three step-grandchildren, Ben and Derek Tuffley of Kendallville and Kyle (Carolyn) Tuffley of Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren, Travis Tuffley and Bryan Eddingfield; five sisters, Alice Marks of Kendallville, and Sharon Garringer of Fort Wayne, Katheryn Neil of Florida, Mary Akers of Schererville, and JoAnn Potter of Crownpoint; five brothers, Phil Carmichael of Logansport, John Carmichael of Fish Lake, Kenny Carmichael of Logansport, Jack Carmichael of Rensselaer, and Clete Carmichael of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother, Don Carmichael; sisters, Shirley Tipton and Ruby Fredericks; and grandson, Travis Tuffley in 1992.

The funeral service was at Hite Funeral Home, Officiating was Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Send online condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 15, 2009 Wednesday

Virginia Peters, 86

AVILLA — Virginia L. Peters, 86, of Avilla and formerly of Garrett died Thursday April 9, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She worked for five years in the Garrett School cafeteria, then worked for 15 years as a lead lady at Mossberg Industries in Garrett before retiring in 1993.

She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Garrett where she sang in the choir.

She was born May 5, 1922, in Garrett to William H. and Helen B. (Gingery) Kleeman. She married Lloyd E. Peters in September 1945 in Garrett and he died in December 1967.

She is survived by a daughter, Janis K. Peters of Garrett; and her twin sister, Violet L. Seigel of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, James A. Peters who died in June of 1967; and a brother, Donald Kleeman.

Services were April 13, 2009 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Tom Novy officiated. Burial took place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Serving as pallbearers were Jack Seigel, Tim Maloney, Wayne Peters, Robert Peters, Jeff Kleeman and Herb Kleeman.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, Unit E.

Darlene Johnson, 60

LIGONIER – Darlene Johnson, age 60 of Ligonier, IN passed away April 11, 2009 at 6:50 PM in her home after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born February 7, 1949 in Seymore, IN to Walter & Elsie (Barger) Riley. On July 2, 1965 she married James Leo Sr., he survives.

Darlene moved from Hamilton, OH to Ligonier in 1977, worked for Kidd and Company in Ligonier until her retirement, and was a member of the Baptist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary in Ligonier. She is survived by her husband James Leo Sr. of Ligonier, three daughters: Chistina (Edward) Gillespie of Albion, Elsie Weldy of Ligonier, Thelma (Tony) Chavez of Goshen, five grandchildren: Cheyenne (Adriana) Weldy, Anthony, Ethan and Nicholas Chavez, one brother and four sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son: James Leo Johnson Jr. in 1983, five brothers and four sisters.

A funeral service was at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Rev. Gary Allen officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Riley Children's Foundation - 30 South Meridian Street, Suite 200; Indianapolis, IN 46204

Nicholas Krider, 57

ALBION — Nicholas Jay "Nick" Krider, 57, of Albion died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at his residence. He had been in failing health for the past several months.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Krider was a 1969 graduate of Columbia City High School.

He attended diesel mechanic school and had been employed at Thomson Chevrolet in Columbia City at one time. He was presently employed as a set-up man for Dexter Axle in Albion.

He was born May 6, 1951, in Columbia City, the son of Toby J. and Doris May (Holycross) Krider. His mother survives in Columbia City and his father is deceased.

He married Marjorie Christine Hearld on Oct. 26, 1974, at Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a son, Michael C. "Butch" (Ashley E.) Krider of Albion; a daughter, Nikki J. Stocksdale of Albion; seven brothers and sisters, Stanley (Mary) Krider of Dublin, Ohio, Carolyn Schrader of Columbia City, Jerry (Ann) Krider of Columbia City, Mary Smith of Columbia City, Randall L. (Pepper) Krider of Columbia City, Cheryl Krider of Fort Wayne and Wanda (Jim) Albarran of Valparaiso; his in-laws, Bob and Kay Hearld of Columbia City; several nieces and nephews; and seven grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, David Krider.

Services were held April 11, 2009 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Pastor Carroll McNutt, retired Church of God minister, and Pastor Sherry Long of Huntertown United Methodist Church officiated. Burial took place at Adams Cemetery, rural Columbia City.

Memorials are to the family.

To send a condolence or sign the guest register, visit www.demoneygrimes.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 15, 2009 Wednesday

Roger L. Targgart, 53

WAWAKA – Roger L. Targgart age 53, of Wawaka, IN passed away Monday April 6, 2009 at 8:56 PM at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen, IN after a brief illness.

He was born December 8, 1955 in LaGrange, the son of Ronald and Clara Mae (High) Targgart.

On June 9, 1979 he married Crystal M. (Conrad). He was a lifelong area resident.

He worked as a foreman for Starcraft RV for nearly 30 years. He enjoyed touring lighthouses, going to tractor and steam shows and visiting train museums.

Survivors include his wife, Crystal Targgart of Wawaka; three children, Matthew (Robin) Targgart of Ligonier, Travis (Candice) Targgart of Kimmell, Stacey (Travis) Holton of Coeur d'Arlene, ID; parents, Ronald (Clara Mae) Targgart of Kendallville; sister, Karen Lambright of Topeka; niece, Rachel Eminger of Granger; nephew, Adam Lambright of Topeka; great-nephew, Tyler Eminger of Howe; mother-in-law, Mary Conrad of Albion; brother-in-law, Brian Conrad of Kimmell.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William and Edith (Mapes) High; paternal grandparents, Ted and Mary (Domer) Targgart; father-in-law, Donald Conrad.

The funeral service was held at Yeager Funeral Home, with Pastor Jimmy Robbins officiating.

Burial was at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Donations may be made to Goshen Center for Cancer Care, 200 High Park Avenue, Goshen, IN 46527.

David Weber, 60

ALBION — David G. Weber of Merriam died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Weber was a lifetime Albion area resident.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran.

Mr. Weber was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246.

He was born Jan. 12, 1949, in Kendallville to Glenn and Lucille (Siebert) Weber. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Laurie Holbrook of Hampton, Va.; a sister, Cathy Kirkpatrick of Albion; and two brothers, Steve Weber and Kevin Weber, both of Albion.

Services were held April 10, 2009 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Rev. Larry Williams officiated. Military rites were conducted by American Legion Post 246.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 15, 2009 Wednesday

Paul E. Bolinger, 83

NORTH FT. MYERS, FLA. / AVILLA - Paul E. Bolinger, 83, died Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Shady Rest Care Pavillion in Fort Myers, Florida. Mr. Bolinger had been in declining health for the last 3 years.

Mr. Bolinger retired from the town of Avilla in 1988 as the town's utility manager, a position he held from 1978 to 1988 prior to that he worked for the town serving as the town marshall from 1966 to 1977. He also servd on the Avilla Town Board from 1992 to 1996.

Mr. Bolinger was very instrumental in several projects done around the town. Mr. Bolinger also owned his own business, Avilla Engraving.

Paul moved with his family to Avilla in 1966 coming from Auburn. In 2001 Paul and his wife moved to Florida.

Mr. Bolinger also served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corp.

Mr. Bolinger was very active in the Knights of Columbus, Garrett Chapter and was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post # 240 and several other organizations.

Mr. Bolinger enjoyed doing woodworking and after moving to Florida he became an avid golfer.

Mr. Bolinger was born on March 14, 1926 in Pierceton, Indiana to Ervin and Cecil May (Wilson) Bolinger.

On March 25, 1945 in Champaign, IL he married his first wife Beulah M. Jetmore, she passed away on December 22, 1982. In August of 1986 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla he married Patricia Walt, she survives in Florida.

Other survivors include three sons; Bruce (Nini) Bolinger of Fremont, CA., Barry Bolinger of Albion, and Bradley (Charlotte) Bolinger of Flower Mound, Texas; five grandsons and seven great-grandchildren; other children; Charlene Stomm, Charles Rhodes (Paul) Rhodes; two brothers, Glen Bollinger of Kendallville and Clarence Bolinger - Staton of Texas.

Mr. Bolinger was preceeded in death by his first wife Beulah, his parents and one brother and one sister.

Mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday, April 17, 2009 at 11:30 A.M. at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Dale Bauman will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Military Graveside Services will be conducted by the Avilla American Legion Post # 240.

Visitation will be on Thursday, April 16, 2009 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Additonal visitation will be one hour prior to mass on Friday at the church.

The Rosary will be recited with Tom Novy leading the rosary on Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 16, 2009, Thursday

Lester Stohler

ANGOLA — Lester P. Stohler, 98, of Angola died Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mr. Stohler

Mr. Stohler was the co-owner of L&M Motors and the owner of Stohler's Sporting Goods, both in Angola. He had also worked at Lamoreaux Pontiac in Angola.

He had served as director of personnel services at Perfect Circle in Hagerstown, Ind., for 17 years.

Mr. Stohler was a member of the Chicago Corner Christian Church in New Castle for 88 years.

He was born July 19, 1910, in Anderson to Alonzo and Martha (Clark) Stohler. He married Buelah Hutson on April 14, 1933. She died Jan. 28, 2001.

Surviving are a son, Michael Stohler of Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Patricia Johnson of Fremont; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Michael Stohler officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Shirley Burtch

AVILLA — Shirley A. Burtch, 74, of Avilla and formerly of Stroh died unexpectedely at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at Laverna Terrace in Avilla.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with calling Sunday from 4-7 p.m. Burial following the funeral service will be at Bushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 17, 2009, Friday

David Jackson

ANGOLA — David Patrick Jackson, 44, of Angola died Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Jackson had been a longtime employee of General Products in Angola.

He was a member of Moose Lodge 1568.

David enjoyed fishing, NASCAR, Texas Hold'em poker and spending time with his family.

He was born Sept. 1, 1964, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Surviving are his father, C.W. Jackson of Wasilla, Alaska; his mother and stepfather, Mary (Nagel) and Terry Gatchell of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Lynsey Ann (Jackson) and Charles Saylor of Fort Wayne; a son, Joseph Michael Jackson of Maryville, Tenn.; four brothers, Michael W. and Vicky Jackson of Wasilla, Alaska, Mark A. and Carmen Whitmire of Fairbanks, Alaska, Steven W. and Michelle Jackson of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Kenneth L. and Karen Whitmire of Angola; and a sister, April Whitmire of Alaska.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul N. Jackson.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009, at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Calling will be Saturday, April 18, 2009, from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to David Patrick Jackson Memorial Fund, care of Lynsey Saylor at 3332 Vantage Point Drive, Apt. 1A, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Friends may sign a guest book for Mr. Jackson at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Robert Brown

LAGRANGE — Robert Lee "Brownie" Brown, age 66 of LaGrange, Indiana, passed away early Wednesday morning, April 15, 2009, at his home.

He was born February 18, 1943, in St. Clair, Missouri, a son to the late Fred and Sarah (Whitchurch) Brown.

Bob had resided in LaGrange since 1965, coming from Missouri.

On February 20, 1966, he married Dorothy Sanderson in St. Clair, Missouri.

He retired from Technical Space Inc. in Elkhart, Indiana. Prior to joining Technical Space, he had been employed for several years by Mark Line Industries. Bob had also been employed by American Traveler in Sturgis, Michigan, and the Indiana Tool Road and had worked as a mechanic for Gary Ford.

Bob was an avid fisherman and hunter and loved following his grandchildren in their many sporting events.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Dorothy; one daughter, Jennifer (Craig Lowe) Fennell of Shipshewana, Indiana; one son, John (Allisa) Brown of LaGrange, Indiana; three grandchildren, Chase Fennell of Shipshewana and Austin Brown and Jordan Brown, both of LaGrange, Indiana; one brother, Kenneth Brown of Sullivan, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents, one sister, Virginia Stahlman, and one brother, Stanley Brown, preceded him in death.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation or services.

The Hackman Family Funeral Homes, Hackman Chapel in Sturgis, Mich., was entrusted with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations would be appreciated to the family for the future needs of Bob's grandchildren c/o: The Brown Family, P.O. Box 9, Sturgis, MI 49091.

Send online condolences towww.hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Katie Miller

GOSHEN — Katie Miller, 72, of Goshen died Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the David Nisley residence, 13439 C.R. 30, Goshen. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be all day today at the Marvin Miller residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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The Family of

Dayton R. Lockwood

would like to thank everyone who helped us celebrate dad's life by visiting the funeral home, sending a note or offering a prayer for us. Thanks to Rev. Sam Weimer for the special message, The Johnson Funeral Home for the excellent service, Ashley Order of Eastern Stars #229 for the great meal and Angola American Legion Post #31 for the impressive military service. We would like to give a special thanks to Ethelwyn McElroy, a long-time friend of dad's, for her wonderful letter.

Lyle & Jean Lockwood, Karen Ringler and Neal & Lonnie Lockwood

William Raybuck

MIDDLEBURY — William Raybuck, 68, of Middlebury died Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital.

Services will be at a later date.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Burtch

AVILLA — Shirley A. Burtch, age 74, of Avilla and formerly of Stroh, died unexpectedly at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the Laverna Terrace in Avilla.

She was born in LaGrange, Indiana, on November 22, 1934, to Robert and Gwendolyn (High) Firestone. They are deceased.

In April of 1952 she married Roy Burtch. He died on May 26, 1979.

Shirley retired from Lyall Electric and Pent Plastics in Ashley.

She lived in Stroh all of her life and moved to Avilla in April of 2001.

She enjoyed having morning coffee with her friends at Laverna Terrace.

Surviving are a daughter, Jeanie (Terry) Brazzell of Albion; two sons, Tom Burtch of Gainesville, Georgia, and Ken Burtch of Marcola, Oregon; two grandchildren, Jennifer (Matt) Getts of Kendallville and John A. (Megan) Brazzell of Avilla; and three great-grandchildren, Jacob and Natalie Getts and J. Aaron Brazzell.

Funeral services for Mrs. Burtch will be Monday, April 20, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor James Archambeault will officiate.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Burial will follow the funeral service at Bushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange. Pallbearers will be John A. Brazzell, Matt Getts, Mike Riehm, Glen Wills, Sam Littlejohn and Gene Rowe.

Please make memorials in memory of Shirley to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 17, 2009, Friday

George Friend

CORUNNA — George Friend, 89, of Corunna died Monday, April 13, 2009, at his home.

He was a graduate of Waterloo High School with the class of 1937.

Mr. Friend worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne before being drafted to the U.S. Army where he served during World War II. When he returned from the service, he went to work for Warner Gear in Auburn as a machinist for 30 years, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of the Zephyrhills Wesleyan Church in Zephyrhills, Fla., where he spent most of his winters. He was a former member of the Corunna United Brethren Church where he taught a Sunday School class for many years. He also volunteered his time by mowing the church yard for nearly 30 years.

He was a devoted husband, and the best of dads. He loved each of his grandchildren dearly and they brought him much joy. He enjoyed good food and playing cards. He also had a special love for animals.

He was born June 15, 1919, to Emery and Mattie (Knox) Friend.

He married Virginia Woolever on May 25, 1946, in Waterloo. She passed away on April 5, 2007.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jairus Friend; and a sister, Irene Myers.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Sharon Friend; a daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Jerry Blastick; five grandchildren, Joe Blastick, Kim and Marc Klein, Brian Blastick, Stephanie Friend and her companion, Chris Thornbro, and Andy Friend; a brother, Stanley Friend; and a brother-in-law, Eugene Woolever.

Private family services were held Thursday, April 16, at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial took place in Corunna Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department or the DeKalb Humane Shelter at Butler.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 18, 2009, Saturday

Gerald Schlichtenmyer

FORT WAYNE — Gerald Willis Schlichtenmyer, age 89, of Fort Wayne died on April 16, 2009, at his Fort Wayne home.

Mr. Schlichtenmyer

He was born in Brimfield on December 15, 1918, to John and Nora (Bloom) Schlichtenmyer.

Mr. Schlichtenmyer graduated from Rome City High School in 1938.

He married Vera Gertrude Teders on April 4, 1945, at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City.

After high school, Mr. Schlichtenmyer worked on the B&O Railroad for 8 years. He also was a lifetime grain farmer and raised chickens and eggs for Steckley's Mill and Hatchery in Kendallville for 25 years.

He loved to square dance as well as hunting, fishing and trapping. Mr. Schlichtenmyer also liked traveling worldwide.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Carrie Schlichtenmyer of Kendallville and Erin Gallagher of Covington, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his spouse, Vera Gertrude (Teders) Schlichtenmyer who died May 10, 1995; and a son, Thomas who died August 6, 2005.

Visitation will be Sunday, April 18, 2009, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 20, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mark Shaffer Sr.

BUTLER — Mark J. Shaffer Sr., 46, of Butler died Monday, April 13, 2009, in Niles, Mich., from injuries he sustained in a logging accident.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 24, at Fairview Missionary Church, 525 E. C.R. 200N, Angola.

Helen Snider

COLUMBIA CITY — Helen Angeline Snider, 80, of Columbia City died Thursday, April 16, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Home Health Care & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoneygrimes.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 19, 2009, Sunday

Church, children were her life

Mildred Close lived her 102 years in faith

BY KATHRYN BASSETT
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AUBURN — When asked to describe the late Mildred Close, friend Jean Gronendyke does not hesitate.

"Lovely," Gronendyke said. "She was just a lovely person. She was loving, she was caring, she was dependable and responsible. I'm going to miss her."

Mrs. Close, of Auburn, died Monday, March 9, 2009, at her daughter's home in Columbus, Ohio. She was 102.

Gronendyke and Mrs. Close became friends through their mutual involvement in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum and the Chi Eta chapter of Sigma Beta sorority. Mrs. Close's late husband, Maurice, was Gronendyke's boss at Rieke Corp. for many years, Gronendyke added.

Mrs. Close joined the Auburn Presbyterian Church on April 16, 1933, and was very active in the church her whole life. She was a former president and vice president of the Presbyterian Women's Association, president and vice president of the church's Ruth Circle, a former choir member, Sunday school teacher, youth sponsor and pianist.

In a newspaper interview on the occasion of her 100th birthday, Mrs. Close said, "Church and children have been my life."

Gronendyke first met Mrs. Close when Gronendyke started singing in the church choir in 1946.

At age 100

Mrs. Close

"She was a choir member then," Gronendyke recalled. "I really first knew her through the church. Then the other things fell into place."

Gronendyke praised Mrs. Close's musical talents.

"Her daughter told me that even to the last, she would go and sit down and play the piano," Gronendyke said.

Mrs. Close was a charter member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum and the museum's women's association.

"She was a good, participating member," Gronendyke said. "When we had tickets to sell, she sold her tickets, and there were never any complaints! She had a good understanding that if you had those fundraising events, the membership had to participate, too."

Mrs. Close also was a charter member of the Sigma Beta sorority and served as its past president and vice president. Gronendyke said Mrs. Close she was active in the organization until the time of her death.

"We met, and she was always there. She wanted to come," Gronendyke added.

Sigma Beta member Miriam Buckles enjoyed attending sorority meetings with Mrs. Close.

"She was just a nice person to be around and positive in her thinking. She was a sweet gal. We all loved her," Buckles said.

Along with her involvement in many organizations, Mrs. Close raised her two children — Frederick, who was born in 1939, and Carole, who was born in 1943 — maintained a household and worked in a day when many women did not work outside the home. She worked for nine years in the office of the Auburn City Light Department and, after her marriage, got a job at the Auburn Automobile Co. Together, the Closes transferred to Connersville when Mr. Close was head of the automobile plant's cost department. The couple moved back to Auburn after the Connersville plant closed and decided to settle and raise a family.

"I can remember at her funeral, her son saying that his mother worked, but always was home and had lunch for him and his sister at noon time. She was always there," Gronendyke said.

Other organizations that enjoyed Mrs. Close's membership and participation included the Friends of Eckhart Library, the Ladies Literary Club, the Auburn and DeKalb County Heart Fund Drive and the Northeast Heart Association Board, of which she was vice president. She was a leader with Girl Scouts and Brownies and was a 50-year member of Auburn Chapter of Eastern Star.

On turning 100, Mrs. Close acknowledged that involvement and participation accounted for her longevity.

"That's what's kept me going and kept me young — keeping busy," Mrs. Close said.

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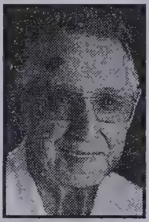
Billie Romine

COLUMBIA CITY — Billie Romine, 85, of Columbia City, died at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he was admitted on Tuesday, April 14th.

He was born Jan. 10, 1924, in Allen County, a son of Glen and Zella (Schwartz) Romine. He began his schooling in Auburn and later Leo, graduating from Spencerville High School.


Mr. Romine

On March 28, 1945, he enlisted in the United States Army. During World War II he served in the Signal Corp. He was honorably discharged Dec. 1, 1946.

On March 27, 1948 he was united in marriage to Jessie Maxine Brown. They made their home in Dekalb County until 1997 when they moved to Columbia City.

He retired from carpentry work in 1986, working for Stanley Hartsel and Paul Souder.

His memberships include Big Lake Church of God and D.A.V.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Jessie Maxine; three daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Larry Reed of Columbia City, Cheryl and Tim Bracht of Huntertown and Sarah and John Winters of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Jeffrey Reed, Douglas Reed, Melisa Bracht-Wagner, Brent Bracht, Paul Bracht, Drake Winters and Drew Winters; six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Virginia Stout of Washington, Peggy Johnson of Nebraska and Lois Sutton of Indianapolis; and a stepsister, Jean Culbertson of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Eric Reed; two brothers, Donald Romine and Mike Romine; and four sisters, Luella McCullough, Betty Graham, Mary Jo Haupert and Karla Romine.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Big Lake Church of God, 6955 N. S.R. 109, Columbia City with Pastor Tim Kumfer, church pastor, officiating. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City and one hour before the service at the church on Wednesday.

The committal service will begin at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Big Lake Church of God.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Roger Karr

POWERSITE, Mo. — Roger B. Karr, 65, died Jan. 25, 2009, in Powersite, Mo.

A memorial ceremony will be held at the Orland American Legion, 211 N. Bronson St., Orland, at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Keith Klopfenstein

LAGRANGE — Keith B. Klopfenstein, 83, of LaGrange died Thursday, April 16, 2009, at his home.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with a memorial service to follow at 1:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to Youth for Christ, Angola.

Condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Sandi Albert

GARRETT — Sandi Albert, 52, of Garrett died Saturday, April 18, 2009, at her home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Alvin Wiard

LAGRANGE — Alvin E. Wiard, 82, of LaGrange died Friday, April 17, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St. LaGrange.

Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Monday from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Scott United Methodist Church or the Goshen Cancer Center.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.furipmayfuneralhome.com

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Patricia Bolinger

AVILLA — Patricia Jane "Pat" Bolinger, age 80, died Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 1:08 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home In Avilla. She had been in declining health since February.

She was born on February 10, 1929 in Garrett, Indiana, to Michael and Marquarite nee Miller Walt. She was a liftime Avilla resident and worked in the cafeteria at the Avilla School and was a waitress at St. James Restaurant for many years.

She was a 1948 Avilla High School graduate. A member of the Avilla American Legion Auxillary and St. Mary's Rosary Society.

In August of 1986 she married Paul Bolinger at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. They moved to Florida in 2001. Mr. Bolinger died on April 4, 2009.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and Steven Stomm of Waterloo; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald and Maudie Rhodes of Avilla, and Paul Rhodes of Auburn; three grandchildren, Shane, Eric and Randy; extended family, Bruce, Barry and Brad Bolinger; six extended grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and brothers, Mike (Marilyn) Walt of LaPorte, Jim (Sara) Walt of Colorado, Tom (Toni) Walt of Montana, and Bob Walt of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, her parents, and a sister, Kathleen Redman.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Calling will be Wednesday from 3 until 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Additional calling will be one hour before the service on Thursday.

A Rosary service will be recited by Tom Novy on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Pat to the Cancer Society Northeast.

Sandra Albert

GARRETT — Sandra Elaine Albert, age 52, a loving, devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, April 18, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Albert

She was born in Auburn on January 15, 1957, to Helen and Richard Johnson, also of Auburn. Mrs. Albert graduated from DeKalb High School in 1974 and then went on to receive a two year Business degree at I.P.F.W. She worked for several years at the Messenger Corp. in Auburn as a sales representative and many more years at Mid-City Office Supply of Auburn, also in sales.

On November 26, 1994, she married Tim Albert of Garrett at County Line Church of God in DeKalb County. In 1999, they had a son, Ezekiel. Since that time, Mrs. Albert has been a devoted mother and wife and saw no greater task than rearing children in a loving, nurturing, Christ-centered home. She saw being a humble, servant as her mission in life.

Sandi was preceded in death by two sisters; Nancy Ann in 1950 and Patricia Marie in 1951. Her father, Richard, also preceded her in 1998.

Surviving are her husband Tim, (a teacher at Eastside High School), and son Zeke in their rural Garrett home. Also surviving are mother Helen Johnson of Auburn; sister Sharon Fiengold and her husband Roger of Jacksonville, Florida; brother Walter Johnson of Orland, Indiana; and brother-in law Art Albert and his wife Carol of Auburn.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, at County Line Church of God on C.R. 72 rural Aubun. Funeral services will also be held at County Line Church of God at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, with final viewing from 10-11. Officiating the services will be Reverend Al Black and Stuart Kruse. Burial will be at Ceader Creek Cemetery on C.R. 11-A, Garrett. Memorials may be directed to Lakewood Park Christian School (Scholarship Fund).

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is handling arrangements.

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Judy Cassiday

KENDALLVILLE — Judy Lou Cassiday, age 64, of Kendallville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at her home north of Kendallville.

Mrs. Cassiday

Mrs. Cassiday was born in Clovis, New Mexico on December 21, 1944, to Charles Monroe Barbee and Thelma Louisa (Walden) Boies.

She was married to Richard Levi Cassiday in Winterhaven, California, on May 19, 1962. Richard preceded her death on November 10, 2007.

Mrs. Cassiday was employed with McDonald-Douglas in Long Beach, California, for five years. She helped in the manufacturing of the DC-8. She also worked at General Motors in Southgate, California, and Oklahoma City for 10 years. She and Richard moved to Indiana in 1983 where she was employed with Machine Rite in LaGrange.

Judy loved to spend time with her family and attend church. She also enjoyed the simple things in life such as reading, sewing and cooking.

Survivors include two daughters, Charlette Cassiday and her companion, Robin Smith both of Auburn, and Heather Cassiday of Kendallville; four grandchildren, LaRisa Pickard, Alora Cassiday and Robert Barnes all of Kendallville and Shawna Pickard of Auburn; two great-grandchildren, Skyra Kay Likens and Saige Elise Polumbio, two brothers Otis Boies of Greenville, California, and Earl Boies of Sutton, Alaska, and two sisters, Betty Ralph of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Ora Ann Boies of Uba City, California.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, LaDona Sawyer on June 23, 2006; a sister, Avis Commander; and a brother, James H. Barbee.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 21, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville. Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Earl Tackett and Rev. Phil Puckett. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange, Indiana. Casketbearers will be her two daughters, Charlette and Heather, Mike Diehm, Denny Barnes, Matthew Hicks and Earl Terry.

To view a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jay Stutzman

LAGRANGE — Jay H. Stutzman, 64, of LaGrange, died unexpectedly Sunday morning, April 19, 2009, at home.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Helen Miller

AUBURN — Helen M. Miller, 89, of Auburn and formerly of Butler, died Sunday, April 19, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was an assembler for Crane Edmond in Butler for more than 20 years. She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

She was born July 10, 1919, to Volney J. and Carrie Bell (Singleton) Cross. She married Joseph C. Miller on July 23, 1955, in Angola. He passed away on July 23, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Joe "Jr." and Marlene Miller of Auburn, and Robert and Louise Dorsey of Ft. Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Brian Koski of Waterloo, and Elsie and Duane Huff of Butler; nine grandchildren; and several step grandchildren, great grandchildren, step great grandchildren, and step great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Robert Cross, and Raymond Cross; two sisters, Alice Bice, and Berniece Crabtree; and a granddaughter.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Center St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Alvin Wiard

LAGRANGE — Alvin E. Wiard, 82, of LaGrange, died Friday, April 17, 2009 at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Alvin was born on June 11, 1926 in LaGrange, to Harry and Amelia (Ramer) Wiard. On June 4, 1949 he married Alice M. (Rice) in LaGrange. She preceded him in death on July 10, 2008.

He retired from Ross Laboratories in Sturgis, Mich., after working there from 1969 to 1988.

Alvin was also a famer and a member of Scott United Methodist Church. He was a US Navy Veteran and a member of the LaGrange American Legion Post #215.

Surviving are a daughter, Janine Wiard of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stephen Wiard of LaGrange, and Dennis and Kathryn Wiard of Howe; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, a sister, Wava Roy of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Margaret Sams, a brother, Frank Wiard and a grandson, Kristopher Rodger.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St. LaGrange, with the Rev. Jeff Stedge officiating.

Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home today from 6-8 p.m.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers a memorial contribution be made to the Scott United Methodist Church or the Goshen Cancer Center.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Franklin Poisal

HAMILTON — Franklin Lee Poisal, 68, of Angola, died Thursday, April 16, 2009, at his residence in Angola.

Mr. Poisal was employed as a wide-load driver/escort for several years. He also worked as a handyman.

He was born on Dec. 13, 1940, in Middleville, Michigan, the son of Alvin James and Flora Ann (Carroll) Poisal.

Surviving are three daughters, Lynn, Shannon and Karen; one sister, Rebecca Ann (Donald) Morton of Highland.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Terry Poisal.

Services will be private. Professional services were provided by Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Memorials are the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

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LaGrange County Commissioner Roger Boots, 70, dies at home

WOLCOTTVILLE — Roger W. Boots, 70, of Wolcottville, died Sunday, April 19, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Boots

He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange and Steuben counties. Roger was a retired farmer and a current LaGrange County Commissioner serving the south district of LaGrange County from 2004 to the present. He was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ, the Pheasants Forever and an Associate Supervisor for the Soil and Water Conservation District. He was also a U.S. Army Veteran.

Roger was born on May 7, 1938, in Steuben County to Kenyon and Wava Gene (Alleshouse) Boots. On January 11, 1959, he married Ann L. Perkins in Stroh. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Mark Diehm of Wolcottville, Jill and Brad Gehring of Kendallville, Lisa and John Hancock of Spring Hill, Fla. and Lila and Steve Bowen of LaGrange; one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Diana Boots of Wolcottville; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Marcia Helmuth of Hudson; and a brother, Gale Boots of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Chester Boots; a granddaughter; and a grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at the Stroh Church of Christ with Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will take place in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the church from 2-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ, or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Boots remembered as strong, quiet

BY TIFFANY YODER
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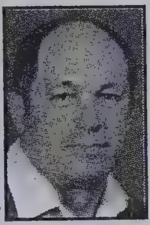
WOLCOTTVILLE — LaGrange County Commissioner Roger Boots, 70, who died Sunday morning after a battle with cancer, was praised Monday by his colleagues as a good listener and quiet leader.

Commissioner George Bachman said Boots had been the right person at the right time for the job. He acknowledged the challenges of the position, but said Boots had always done his best to put the county and its needs first. "I know it hurt him the last couple months that he couldn't do this job," he said. "He was a good man."

"He was a thinker, he didn't talk a lot," said Commissioner Phil Curtis. "When he did, you knew he researched it."


Boots

Boots won election as a Republican to serve as commissioner in 2004, and was re-elected in 2008. Though Curtis and Bachman were known to disagree on some issues and occasionally butt heads, Boots served as the middle man between the two. "He was essentially the tiebreaker between George and me on a lot of issues," Curtis said.

A lifetime resident of LaGrange and Steuben counties, Boots was a U.S. Army veteran. He farmed a piece of land he bought from his wife's grandfather near Wolcottville. He was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ, the Pheasants Forever and an associate supervisor for the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Boots was also a husband, father to four daughters and one son, grandfather to 18 and even great-grandfather to three.

His children were surprised when they learned Boots was running for commissioner, something they never saw coming as he had always said there was no such thing as an honest politician.

"I thought it was a joke, but my mom said, 'No, he wants to make a difference,'" said his daughter, Lisa Hancock of Spring Hill, Fla. "He said if you don't get involved, you're part of the problem."

"He was a quiet man of faith," Hancock said. "He didn't speak often, but when he did speak,

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everyone stopped to listen."

Though he was always the listener, Hancock said her father had never met a stranger. When he first met someone, he would introduce himself, find something in common with his new friend and let them talk. He always walked away from the initial meeting with a knowledge of who the person was.

"I think that's what drew people to my dad," she said. "There was no such thing as a stranger, just a friend you hadn't met."

Boots and his wife, Ann, were married for 50 years, celebrating their golden anniversary on Jan. 11 this year. Though Hancock described them as "high school sweethearts," the couple didn't begin dating until the end of their high school years.

"We went all through high school and never dated until the last week of school," Ann said. "It lasted 50 years, so it must have been good."

Family members described Boots as a lover of nature. He always enjoyed working on the family's farm, where he built several ponds to serve as a home to birds displaced with the destruction of their natural habitats. He enjoyed visiting the nature preserve.

When Boots died at home Sunday morning, he was surrounded by his wife and five children.

Hancock said her father had given their family many things, including faith, a strong sense of self and a stubborn nature. But, she said, he would not liked to have been put on a pedestal.

"Mostly he was our hero," she said. "He would never want to be known as that, though."

The funeral for Boots is at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Stroh Church of Christ. Calling is today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church.

LouAnn Schrader

SYRACUSE — LouAnn Schrader, 63, of Syracuse died Thursday, April 16, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse. Private burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Syracuse Public Library, 115 E. Main St., Syracuse, IN 46567.

Online condolences may be sent to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Jay Stutzman

LAGRANGE — Jay H. Stutzman, 64, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 19, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to LaGrange Missionary Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Helene Harper

CROMWELL — Helene V. Harper, 93, of Cromwell died at 3:15 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Harold Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Harold V. Miller, 77, of Middlebury died at 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2009. at his residence.

Services have not been announced.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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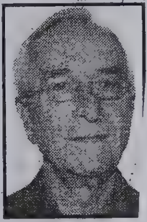
Norman Johnston

FORT WAYNE — Norman B. Johnston, 81, of Fort Wayne, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2009, at Woodview Health Care Center.

He was a graduate of North Side High School, Indiana University and Chicago University.


Mr. Johnston

He retired from International Harvester working in several engineering management positions in Fort Wayne and Chicago.

He was a Master Mason, member of Summit City Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Mizpah Shrine.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia Johnston of Fort Wayne; his son, Neal Johnston (Nancy); with granddaughters, Tori and Sabrina of Peoria, Arizona; and his daughter, Diana Schumick (Lt. Col, USAF, Ret.) and son-in-law Doug Schumick (Lt. Col, USMC, Ret.) with grandson, Danny, of Fort Wayne; his wife's daughters, Rhonda Paris (Derek) of Fort Wayne, Holly Turchan (Damian) of Sterling, Virginia, and Michelle Rubrake (Doug) of Fort Wayne; eight step-grandchildren; and his sister, Mary Kathryn Reichert of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Sam W.D. Johnson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Karl Fricke officiating.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Carmel Mitchell

LIGONIER — Carmel Jean Mitchell of Ligonier died Sunday, April 19, 2009, at 7 a.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

She was born May 9, 1930, in Floyd County, Kentucky, to Andy and Lillie (nee Osborne) Caudill.

She came to the area from Kentucky in 1960.

On May 5, 1947, she married Claude Mitchell. He survives in Ligonier.

Mrs. Mitchell retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier in 1985 and was a homemaker for the duration of her life.

She was a member of the Full House Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Kimmell.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and her family. She enjoyed cooking for them and she will be greatly missed by all.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Nila Mitchell of Ligonier; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Ethel Gans of Wolf Lake.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Robert C. Swovland; a brother, Ishal Caudill; and two sisters, Elsie Newsome and Armel Jewell Hamilton.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mitchell will be on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 1 p.m. at the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Kimmell. Pastor Glen Patrick will officiate.

Wake will be any time after 1 p.m. today at the church.

Burial following the funeral service will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church.

Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com for online condolences.

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Robert Fry

CHURUBUSCO — Robert L. Fry, 91, of Churubusco died at 1:52 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2009, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Churubusco United Methodist Church, Churubusco, with burial and military graveside rites at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour prior to the services.

A memorial service conducted by Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Masonic Learning Center in Fort Wayne for children's dyslexia.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Arthur Stickell

AVILLA — Arthur Lawrence Stickell, 92, died Friday, April 17, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Private family services will be at 10:30 a.m. at the chapel at Provena Sacred Heart Home with Father Dan Leeuw officiating.

Burial will be in Gilson Cemetery in Gilson, Ill.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

A complete obituary for Mr. Stickell will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Clemathene Hornett

KENDALLVILLE — Clemathene Marie "Tootie" Hornett, 89, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 19, 2009, at her daughter's home in Kendallville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with burial in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Rosary at 4 p.m.

Memorials are to East Noble Theatre.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Roger Karr

ORLAND — Roger B. Karr, 65, of Powersite, Mo., died Jan. 25, 2009, in Powersite.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Orland American Legion, 6215 N. S.R. 327.

Martha Wyatt

LAGRANGE — Martha E. Wyatt, 85, of LaGrange and formerly of Howe died at 10:32 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Everett Newcomer

BAXTER SPRINGS, Kan. — Everett Lee "Buzz" Newcomer, 78, of Baxter Springs died at 9:20 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Newcomer had moved to Baxter Springs in 1974 from Indiana.

He retired in 1982 as a self-employed painter. He had also worked several years as a contractor with the U.S. government.

Mr. Newcomer was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born May 28, 1930, in Edon, Ohio, to Ralph D. and Mary (Harms) Newcomer. He married Carolyn Sue "Susie" Garcia on Aug. 26, 1980, in Baxter Springs. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Steven and Rhonda Newcomer of Joplin, Mo., and Billy Newcomer and his companion, Tracy Chaddock, of Baxter Springs; two daughters, Donna Roby of Galena, Kan., and Joy D. Alsbury of Joplin, Mo.; a brother and sister-in-law, Glen E. and Angie Newcomer of Butler, Ind.; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Military graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Oak Hill Cemetery in Galena, Kan., with Pastor Jeff Martin officiating.

Calling will be from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at Derfelt Funeral Home in Galena.

Memorials are to Community Hospice in care of the funeral home.

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Betty Wyckoff

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Jane Wyckoff, age 87, of Kendallville died on Monday, April 20, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mrs. Wyckoff

She was born in Hicksville, Ohio, on June 6, 1921, to George Franklin and Della Cornelia (Fribley) Finzer.

Mrs. Wyckoff graduated from Hicksville High School in 1939. She later graduated from St. Joseph School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

She married Donald Raymond Wyckoff on September 23, 1943, in Hicksville, Ohio. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Wyckoff was a registered nurse at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett and the Hicksville Hospital for many years.

In her later years, she was a childcare provider in her home on Clark Street. She was "Grandma Betty" to the children she cared for.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wyckoff enjoyed organic gardening and flower gardening and canning her own food. She also enjoyed her pets and she liked to read.

Survivors include two sons, Don and Cheryl Wyckoff of Kendallville and Jim Wyckoff of Kendallville; two daughters, Linda and Steve Herendeen of Kendallville and Jan and Steve Fuller of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Pat Reade of Kendallville; six grandchildren and their spouses, Wade Wyckoff and Brent Dickson of Kitchener, Ontario, Nicole Wyckoff of Indianapolis, Kim Fuller of Lexington Park, Maryland, Megan Fuller of Smyrna, Georgia, Sara and Tony England of Warsaw and John and Laura (Bassett) Herendeen of Clyde, Ohio; her stepgrandchildren, Jodie and Stan Speheger of Kendallville, Rex and Vickie Reade of Albany, Indiana, Jill and Leon Benson of Narvon, Pennsylvania, and Dave and Kim Reade of Muncie; three great-grandchildren, Lorelei and Alexandra England and Holden Herendeen; and three stepgreat-grandchildren, Scott Speheger, Ashley Benson and Melissa Ept.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald Raymond Wyckoff on January 1969; a brother, Frank Finzer; and a stepson, George Wyckoff.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 22, 2009, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Stanley R. Kessler.

Burial will be at Avilla Cemetery in Avilla, Indiana.

Honorary bearers will be her grandsons.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Humane Society or Friendship Food Pantry.

View a video tribute by Wednesday, April 22, 2009, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Commissioner Boots fondly remembered

BY TIFFANY YODER
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STROH — Nearly 300 family and friends gathered at Stroh Church of Christ Wednesday morning to bid farewell to LaGrange County Commissioner Roger Boots.

Boots, 70, died at his Wolcottville home Sunday morning after a battle with cancer. Bill Williams was one of four pastors to speak at the funeral. He talked about the privilege of being a relative and friend to Boots.

"When I read (his) obituary, I realized what was missing was Roger's legacy," he said. "Roger Boots was a man of the soil and no one could deny that … He was a man of the county."

Williams spoke of Boots' knowledge of LaGrange County. He told of when he was going to show some visitors around the county, and Boots volunteered to join. The tour wound up being an educational lesson regarding every "nook and cranny" of LaGrange County, complete with stories of many of the people who were connected to it.

Boots

"He loved this county," Williams said. "He probably knew every inch of this county."

Williams said he kept hearing about how Boots was a quiet man, though he remembered him as being able to talk about any subject under the sun.

"He was a man of infinite knowledge," Williams said. "There was no subject you could bring up that the wouldn't talk about, and he'd talk about it intelligently."

Boots' brother-in-law, Randy Perkins, a pastor from South Bend, noted the high number of pastors at the service, and what that said of Boots' character and legacy.

"The man must have been pretty good if it takes four pastors to bury him," Perkins said.

All four pastors emphasized Boots' faith, and how it had grown in recent years. They theorized that it was like he was packing for a trip that he hadn't worried about before. He was getting ready, they said. In the end, though, he had found peace.

The ministers described Boots as having a civilized demeanor, a soft voice he never raised and a well-thought out plan before he opened his mouth to speak. He was a storyteller, an excellent friend or fishing buddy, a family man and a man of faith, they said.

"It's hard for us, but he was at peace," said Perkins.

"We shall remember him with love," added Williams.

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Veda Bellows

AVILLA — Veda M. Freeman Bellows, age 88, of Avilla, Ind., died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Bellows

Veda was born July 5, 1920, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to George and Maime (Bunch) Baysinger and they preceded her in death.

She married Melvin Freeman on August 23, 1937, in Garrett, Ind., and he died on December 26, 1957. She then married John V. Bellows on July 23, 1961, in Garrett, Ind. and he died August 19, 2005.

She taught at Ravenscroft Beauty College from 1959 until 1973 and was the owner of Veda's Beauty Shop from 1957 until 1999.

She is survived by her daughter and son in-law, Janice and Lee Christlieb of Avilla, Ind.; grandchildren, Joni and Matt Blomeke of Avilla, Ind.; Daren Christlieb of Avilla, Ind.; Dina and Scott Teders of Avilla, Ind.; Adam Bock and Brian Bock; Several nieces and nephews; seven great-grandchildren, Andrea, John and Joe Christlieb, Jeremiah Blomeke and Brennen, Aubrey and Jared Teders; and several great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Mary Alice Cline of Fort Wayne, Ind.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Bock, and a sister, Grace Bright.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana and DeKalb Home Healthcare.

There will be no visitation.

A memorial graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Embrey Cemetery, rural Garrett, IN.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Helene Harper

CROMWELL — Helene V. Harper, 93, of Cromwell died at 3:15 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, with Father Richard Hire officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be Friday from 3-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Martha Wyatt

LAGRANGE — Former Howe businesswoman Martha E. Wyatt, 85, died at 10:32 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Wyatt

Mrs. Wyatt had owned and operated Martha's Beauty Shop in Howe for 50 years.

She was a graduate of Topeka High School and the Fort Wayne Beauty College.

Mrs. Wyatt was a member of Howe United Methodist Church and active with the church's Kid's Club.

She was born Jan. 3, 1924, in Pennville, Ind., to William Russell and Lillian Hazel (Irey) Horn.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, Greg and Diane Wyatt of Goshen, Tim Wyatt of Howe, Tom and April Wyatt of Goshen, Brad Wyatt of Avilla and Brian Wyatt of Howe; a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Mark Weaver of Orland; a sister, Charlene Heintzelman of Cromwell; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Joseph Horn, Charles Horn and James Horn; and four sisters, Wilma Bentley, Barbara Caple, Beverly Renkenberger and Mary Etta Horn.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Dewey Miller of Howe United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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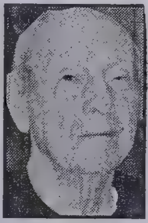
Arthur Stickell

AVILLA — Arthur Lawrence Stickell, 92, died peacefully on Friday, April 17, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.


Mr. Stickell

The son of Harley and Daisy Stickell, he was born in Elba Township, Knox County, Illinois, on September 25, 1916.

After twice returning to work on the family farm during the Depression years, he graduated from the University of Illinois in 1940 and law school in 1942.

As a new naval lieutenant, he took charge of a just-completed minesweeper at Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Living with his wife, Julia, he trained up and down the mid-Atlantic states. Then, following the ground war, he served off North Africa, Italy, and southern France, before ending service in the Philippines.

These experiences added to his natural curiosity and a certain restlessness.

He practiced law in Illinois from the 1940s to the 1960s, was an early developer in the Cape Canaveral area of Florida, worked in the steel industry of northern Indiana in the 1980s, and settled in Fort Wayne to be closer to his youngest grandchildren.

Not given to retirement, he made many area friends in his work in real estate, insurance, and as a Blue Cross senior adviser.

A year ago, he lost his beloved wife of 66 years.

He is survived by two sons, Larry (Kim) of Roanoke and Doug of Maquon, Illinois.

He deeply loved his nine granddaughters, Steffanie (deceased), Rebekah (deceased), Hedley, Susan, Danielle, Caroline, Madeleine, Hilary and Sophie, and his great-grandson, Sacha.

Father Dan Leeuw will conduct a funeral service for the immediate family at 10:30 a.m. today in the chapel of Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Burial will be in Gilson Cemetery, Gilson, Illinois.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Juanita Hetrick

FORT WAYNE — Juanita A. Hetrick, 85, of Fort Wayne died Monday, April 20, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with Pastor Richard Maassel officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday. Memorials are to the Parkview Hospice.

To sign the online guestbook, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Howard Berkes

CRIDERSVILLE, Ohio — Howard L. Berkes, 81, of St. Mary's, Ohio, and formerly of Albion, Ind., died at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Berkes was born Sept. 1, 1927, in Avilla, Ind., to Robert and Bernice (Smith) Berkes. He married Mary Franks in 1950 in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Beth and Bert Helsel of Minster, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Howard Blake "Duke" and Lisa Berkes of Wawaka, Ind.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Kathy Berkes of Gordonville, Texas; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Gwen and John Tipton of Kendallville, Ind., and Becky Barr of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Howard Blain Berkes.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

No calling is planned.

Bayliff & Son Funeral Home, 311 W. Main St., Cridersville, is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Laurie Sr.

AUBURN — Charles B. Laurie Sr., 90, of Auburn and Tarpon Springs, Fla., died Monday, April 20, 2009, at Marliere Hospice Care Center in New Port Richey, Fla.

Among his survivors are his wife, Betty, and a son, Charles Jr.

Services are pending at a later date in Auburn.

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Clemathene Hornett

KENDALLVILLE — Clemathene Marie “Tootie” Hornett, age 89, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, April 19, 2009, at the home of her daughter in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hornett

Mrs. Hornett was born in Kendallville on January 26, 1920, to the late Clem T. and Savilla E. (Frehse) Hart.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1938.

She first married Neil Master in June 1941 and he preceded her death in November 1963.

She later married Eugene Charles “Abe” Hornett on May 7, 1966, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and he survives.

Tootie retired as a clerk from the City of Kendallville Water Department after many years.

Starting at the age of 18, Tootie was a waitress for many years at Publix Cafe.

She also was a hairdresser at Betty’s Beauty Salon in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville, member of the Lady Elks, Kendallville Lodge No. 1194, Kendallville Moose Lodge No. 1301, Francis Vinyard VFW Post No. 2749 Auxillary and the Rome City American Legion Post No. 381 Auxillary.

Survivors include her spouse, Abe Hornett of Kendallville, currently living at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla; her daughter, Michele Barranda of Kendallville; grandsons, David Barranda, U.S. Navy stationed at Monterey, California, and Michael and Lisa Barranda of Fort Wayne; and great-grandchildren, Christina and Jonah Barranda.

She was also preceded in death by her granddaughter, Allison Barranda in 1991; three sisters, Patsy Frye, Evelyn McElhenie and Beverly Carrol; and one brother, Robert Hart.

Visitation will be Friday, April 24, 2009, from 2-5 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville. There will be a rosary service at 4 p.m. led by Father Dino.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 25, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Father Lourdino Fernandes.

Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be David Barranda, Michael Barranda, John Riemke, Jack Hart, Joe Hornett and Tom Novy. Honorary bearers are Agnes VanGessel, Ginny Wilondek and Charlie Knott.

Preferred memorials may be made to East Noble Theatre.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Joseph Bertoia

ANGOLA — Joseph A. Bertoia, 44, of Angola died Monday, April 20, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bertoia had worked n the retail industry.

He was born Feb. 14, 1965, in Muskegon, Mich., to George and Rosemary (Stevens) Bertoia.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, George and Janice Bertoia of Grand Rapids, Mich.; three sons, Joseph A. Bertoia Jr. and Brandon S. Bertoia, both of Angola, and Kai M. Bertoia of Muskegon; a stepson, William Hulka of Muskegon; a daughter, Stephanie R. Hulka-Bertoia of Muskegon; two brothers, Steven Bertoia of Angola and Tim Bertoia of Hudson; three sisters, Toni Gentz of Hesperia, Mich., Cindy Lake of Hudson and Nancy Prate of Howard City, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rosemary Bertoia.

Memorial services will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Hudson United Methodist Church with Pastor Tim Bertoia officiating.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. today at Hudson United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to the family.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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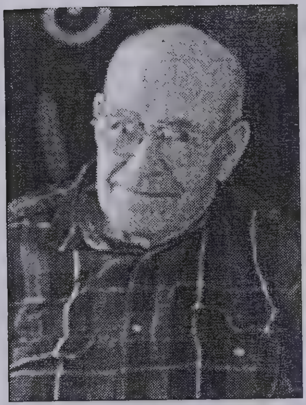

Howard L. Berkes, 81

ST. MARYS, Ohio — Howard L. Berkes, 81, formerly of Albion, Indiana, died at 10:45 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at his residence in St. Marys, Ohio following a brief illness.

Mr. Berkes was born in Albion, Indiana on September 1, 1927 to Robert and Berniece (Smith) Berkes.

On June 3, 1950, he married Mary Franks of Wawaka, Indiana. She survives.

Also surviving are a son Howard Blake (Duke) and his wife, Lisa, of Wawaka; and a daughter, Mary Beth and her husband, Bert Helsel of Minster, Ohio. There are six grandchildren: Dawn Helsel Opperman, Shane Helsel, Tad Berkes, Chad Berkes, Rachel Berkes Green and Michelle Berkes. There are nine great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by a brother, Robert Berkes and his wife Kathy of Gordenville, Texas, and two sisters, Gwen and her husband John Tipton of Kendallville, and Becky Barr, a resident at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a son, Howard Blaine Berkes.

A graduate of Albion High School in 1945, Mr. Berkes served in the U.S. Navy at the close of World War II.

He retired from Frick Services, Inc. at Wawaka. He then worked at the Corner Stop in Albion. He served two terms (1992-2000) on the Albion Town Council and was a member of the Albion Lions Club.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Bayliff & Son Funeral Home, Cridersville, Ohio was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at 1431 White Oak Drive, St. Marys, Ohio 45885.

Preferred memorials are to Grand Lake Hospice, 1122 East Spring Street, St. Marys, Ohio 45885.

In Appreciation

The Family of Paul Prickett would like to thank everyone who sent cards, offered prayers, made visits, or offered condolences to our family on the loss of our loved one. He was special to all of us.

Mary E. Prickett

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Patricia Jane Bolinger, 80

AVILLA - Patricia Jane “ Pat “ Bolinger, age 80, died Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 1:08 AM at Provena Sacred Heart Home In Avilla. She had been in declining health since February.

She was born on February 10, 1929 in Garrett, Indiana to Michael and Marquarite (Miller) Walt. She was a lifetime Avilla resident and worked in the cafeteria at the Avilla School and was a waitress at St. James Restaurant for many years.

She was a 1948 Avilla High School graduate. A member of the Avilla American Legion Auxillary and St. Mary’s Rosary Society.

In August of 1986 she married Paul Bolinger at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Avilla.

They moved to Florida in 2001. Mr. Bolinger died on April 4, 2009.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlene (Steven) Stomm of Waterloo; two sons, Donald (Maudie) Rhodes of Avilla, and Paul Rhodes of Auburn; three grandchildren, Shane, Eric and Randy, extended family, Bruce, Barry and Brad Bolinger; six extended grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren; four brothers, Mike (Marilyn) Walt of LaPorte, Jim (Sara) Walt of Colorado, Tom (Toni) Walt of Montana, and Bob Walt of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, her parents, and a sister, Kathleen Redman.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 11:30 AM at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Avilla. Calling will be Wednesday from 3 until 8 PM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Additional calling will be one hour before the service on Thursday.

A Rosary service will be recited by Tom Novy on Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM at the funeral home.

Burial will be at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Pat to the Cancer Society Northeast.

Shirley A. Burtch, 74

AVILLA - Shirley A. Burtch, age 74, of Avilla, formerly of Stroh died unexpectedely at 11:00 AM on Wedensday, April 15, 2009 at the Laverna Terrace in Avilla.

She was born in LaGrange, Indiana on November 22, 1934 to Robert and Gwendolyn (High) Firestone, both deceased. In April of 1952 she married Roy Burtch, he died on May 26, 1979.

Shirley retired from Lyall Electric and Pent Plastics in Ashley. She lived in Stroh all of her life and moved to Avilla in April of 2001. She enjoyed having morning coffe with her friends at Laverna Terrace.

Surviving are a daughter, Jeanie (Terry) Brazzell of Albion; two sons, Tom Burtch of Gainesville, Ken (Georgia) Burtch of Marcola, Oregon; two grandchildren, Jennifer (Matt) Getts of Kendallville, and John A. (Megan) Brazzell of Avilla; three great-grandchildren, Jacob and Natalie Getts and J. Aaron Brazzell.

The funeral service for Mrs. Burtch was April 20, 2009 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor James Archambault officiated.

Burial followed the funeral service at Bushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Pallbearers were John A. Brazzell, Matt Getts, Mike Riehm, Glen Wills, Sam Littlejohn, and Gene Rowe.

Please make memorials in memory of Shirley to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

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Helen Angeline Snider, 80

COLUMBIA CITY – Helen Angeline Snider, age 80, of Columbia City, passed away at 11:05 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009 at her home. Born on March 1, 1929 in Huntertown, Allen County, IN she was the daughter of Ray and Gladys (Hippenhammer) Tonkel.

She attended Huntertown High School. On December 21, 1946 she was united in marriage to Verlie Howard Snider in the Trinity Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. In the mid 50's, she and her husband purchased a summer lake home at Tri-Lakes. The family cottage became their permanent home in the 1960's where they resided until the early 1980's. The family then moved to Jones Lake, Noble County, IN until seven years ago, when they moved to Big Lake. A homemaker, she formerly owned and operated with her husband H & S Camper Sales, Tri-Lakes, and for seven years she taught for a private pre-school program in the Tri-Lakes Lion's Club Building.

She was a member of Order of the Eastern Star, Huntertown and she was a former member of Tri-Lakes Overlander's Camping Club.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce (Kay) Snider and James A. (Diane) Snider both of Columbia City; daughter, Beverly K. (Allen) Miller of Columbia City; twelve grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; sister, Annajane Hoot of Florida; brother, Richard (Annie) Tonkel of Leo.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Verlie Snider on May 28, 2007; son, Carl W. Snider in 1972; great-grandchildren, Jason Allen Snider and Jordie Reynolds; brothers, Robert and Merle Tonkel; sisters, Virginia York, Bonnie Croy, and Erma Griffith.

Funeral service was April 20, 2009 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home with Eddie Beagles and Sharon Brockhaus, Certified Funeral Celebrants, officiating. Burial followed at Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown. Memorials may be given in memory of Mrs. Snider to Parkview Whitley Home Health Care & Hospice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or to sign the guest register.

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Diane Wallace

AUBURN — Diane Y. Wallace, 59, of Auburn died Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at her home in Auburn.

She was born in Leominster, Mass., on June 30, 1949, to Robert Paul and Jacquelin (Metivier) Hall Sr. They have both passed away.

Mrs. Wallace

Mrs. Wallace was a beautician and also worked for Symmetry-Ultrexx in Avilla.

She was a 1967 graduate of Garrett High School. She then graduated from Ravenscroft Beauty College.

On March 30, 1968, in the Garrett United Methodist Church she married John Wallace and he survives in Auburn.

She is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Douglas A. and Melisa Wallace of Fort Wayne and Gregory J. Wallace of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Erica L. and David Augenstein of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Avary Schmidt, Lilly Mae Wallace, Gracie Wallace, Payton J. Wallace, Parker David Augenstein, Colton Wallace Augenstein, Olivia H. Wallace and Asher Allen Augenstein; a special niece, Ashlyn Clark; a brother and sister-in-law, William and Nancy Harvey of Scranton, Pa.; a sister and brother-in-law, Gertrude and Kenneth Judson of Garrett; and two brothers- and sisters-in-law, Orval and Joan Wallace and Robert and Judy Wallace, all of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Harvey and Robert Paul Hall Jr.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. The Rev. Stuart Kruse will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral Home.

Memorials can be directed to Riley's Children's Hospital.

Edward Hawk

COLUMBIA CITY — Edward Theodore "Teddy" Hawk, 58, of Columbia City died Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Columbia City United Methodist Church, 605 Forest Parkway, Columbia City. Burial will be at Hope Lutheran Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside in Columbia City.

Memorials are to Columbia City United Methodist Church or Little People of America Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Send online condolences or sign the guest register book at www.demoneygrimes.com.

Virginia Harpham

BETHESDA, Md. — Virginia Ruth Harpham, 91, of Bethesda died recently in Bethesda of stomach cancer.

She was a 1935 graduate of Pleasant Lake High School in Pleasant Lake, Ind. She graduated with distinction from Morehead Teacher's College in Morehead, Ky., in 1939 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education.

Mrs. Harpham

She taught in the District of Columbia schools form 1939-1940. In 1956 she won a position with the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C. in the first violin section. She was made principal of the second violin section in 1964. She retired from the orchestra in 1990 and continued to perform in various chamber music groups and with other orchestras.

Surviving are a daugher, Evelyn (Don Barringer) of Arlington, Va.; a son, George (Sylvaine Hinglais) of Paris, France; and two grandchildren in Paris.

She was preceded in death by her father, Pyrl Harpham; her mother, Nellie (Whitaker) Harpham; two brothers, Robert Harpham and John Ernest Harpham; and a sister, Evelyn Harpham.

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Helene Harper

CROMWELL — Helene V. Harper, 93, of Cromwell died at 3:15 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

Mrs. Harper

Mrs. Harper was a longtime area resident.

After her father passed away unexpectedly, she worked from the age of 12 until she was 24 in her mother's beauty shop so her siblings could attend college.

She went on to become a businesswoman and owned and operated the Cromwell Feed Mill from 1955 until 1999 when she retired at the age of 83.

Mrs. Harper was a member of Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, the Syracuse-Wawasee Garden Club and the Cromwell Business Association.

She served as a 4-H leader for many years.

Mrs. Harper was the grand marshal of the Cromwell Bicentennial Parade. She was honored by the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club through the establishment of the Helene Harper Good Samaritan Award.

She was born July 17, 1915, in Essex, Ontario, Canada, to John and Mary (Simon) VanAman. She married Harmon M. Harper on December 9, 1939. He preceded her in death in 1957.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Esther and Ron Pullin of Waterloo, Iowa, Rebecca and David Gibson of Bozeman, Mont., Betty Jo and Tom Pultz of Samamish, Wash., and Ron and Susan Harper-Dorman of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Edward and Janet Harper of Cromwell, Tim Harper of Cromwell and Daniel and Julie Harper of Syracuse; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Harper of Syracuse; 17 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jack VanAman of Pinelles Park, Fla.; and a sister, Nina Rohm of Cromwell.

She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Betsy Jane, in 1948; a son, Tom, in 2004; a brother, Bill VanAman; and a sister, Mary Calbeck.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier with Father Richard Hire officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2009, at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Heifer Project International, 1 World Ave., Little Rock, Arkansas 72202 or to the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Lily Hile

LARWILL — Lily Anne Hile, 1-day-old daughter of Travis L. and Lindsay A. (Corner) Hile of Larwill died Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with her parents are a brother, Jaxon Hile at home; grandparents, Jamie and Ronald Hile of Cromwell, Rick and Lisa Heintzelman of Ligonier and Mike and Britta Corner of Ligonier; great-grandparents, William Mathias of Columbia City, Ronald H. Hile of Columbia City, Bob and Nancy Corner of Grove City, Pa., Joe and Loretta Bennett of Minford, Ohio, and Bob and Karen Turgeon of Fort Wayne; great-great-grandmother, Marge Mathias of Larwill; three aunts and two uncles.

She was preceded in death by great-grandmothers, Ada Belle Hile and Gracie Ellen Mathias, and an aunt, Tanyan E. Hile.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Burial will be at Adams Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Hile family. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Send condolences or sign the guest register at www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Sharon Brownback

LIGONIER — Sharon Kay Brownback, age 73, of Ligonier died Monday, April 20, 2009, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

She was born on February 11, 1936, in Buchanan, Michigan. She was the daughter of Hervy and Iris (nee Williams) Aerick, both deceased.

She has been in the Noble County area since 1965, coming from Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brownback married Garrett A. Brownback Jr. in Rockford, Illinois, on October 22, 1955. He died in 1997.

She was a retired inspector at BRC Rubber in Ligonier, and a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two sons, Dan Brownback of Fort Wayne, and William Brownback of Fort Benning, Georgia; a daughter, Sharon Desper of Ligonier; sisters, Iris Marie Patton of Niles, Mich., Barbara Ann Sullivan of South Bend, Mary Theresa Beardsley of Florida, and Dr. M. Carole Aerick of Florida.

She is preceded in death by her husband; parents; two brothers, Richard Aerick and Rick Temple; and an infant sister.

Funeral services for Mrs. Brownback will be Friday, April 24, 2009, at 1 P.M. at Ligonier Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 on today at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier.

Burial following the funeral will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Please make memorials in memory of Sharon to Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Martha Wyatt

LAGRANGE — Former Howe businesswoman Martha E. Wyatt, 85, died at 10:32 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Wyatt

Mrs. Wyatt had owned and operated Martha's Beauty Shop in Howe for 50 years.

She was a graduate of Topeka High School and the Fort Wayne Beauty College.

Mrs. Wyatt was a member of Howe United Methodist Church and active with the church's Kid's Club.

She was born Jan. 3, 1924, in Pennville, Ind., to William Russell and Lillian Hazel (Irey) Horn.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, Greg and Diane Wyatt of Goshen, Tim Wyatt of Howe, Tom and April Wyatt of Goshen, Brad Wyatt of Avilla and Brian Wyatt of Howe; a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Mark Crawford of Orland; a sister, Charlene Heintzelman of Cromwell; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Joseph Horn, Charles Horn and James Horn; and four sisters, Wilma Bentley, Barbara Caple, Beverly Renkenberger and Mary Etta Horn.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Dewey Miller of Howe United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Crash kills 1

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CORUNNA — A Waterloo man died early Thursday morning when the car he was riding in left the road near the DeKalb-Noble County line, according to police reports.

Michael Benya of the 1000 block of C.R. 39, Waterloo suffered severe bleeding at the scene and later died at Lutheran Hospital after an accident at 1:18 a.m. Thursday.

Benya was riding in the rear passenger side of a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Jennifer Grate, 20, of the 3000 block of C.R. 14, Waterloo. The vehicle was traveling eastbound on Kammerer Road in Noble County when Grate failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection with Noble/DeKalb County Line Road, according to a release from the DeKalb County Sheriff's

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CRASH: *Driver says she was unfamiliar with road*

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Department.

The vehicle entered the southwest ditch on the DeKalb County side of the road, traveling approximately 44 feet before striking an REMC utility pole on the passenger side, causing severe damage. The vehicle traveled another 20 feet before coming to a rest, the release stated.

Grate said she was unfamiliar with the roadway and was unaware the road jogged, according to police.

Another rear-seat passenger, Travis Stackhouse of the 1200 block of C.R. 20, Corunna, suffered a left leg fracture. A third passenger, Erik Vian of the 800 block of South Indiana Avenue, Auburn, suffered minor bleeding from his head and refused treatment.

Police are investigating the accident.

Michael Benya

WATERLOO — Michael Joseph Benya, 19, of Waterloo died Thursday, April 23, 2009, from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident early Thursday morning.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Father David Carkenord officiating.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Jack Smith

FORT WAYNE — Jack Smith, 88, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, April 23, 2009, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Greg Patton of Skyline Community Church officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Saturday from 2-6 p.m., or one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

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Glendora Lacey

PLEASANT LAKE — Glendora L. Lacey, 92, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Lacey

Mrs. Lacey had worked in the cafeteria at Salem Center School for 15 years.

She was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church. She served on the church's board of directors and was the choir director there for many years. She was also a member of the church's Ladies Aide Society.

Mrs. Lacey was a 63-year member of the Steuben County Extension Homemakers Club and was a past president of the organization. She directed the Homemakers Choir for several years and directed the Steuben County Cantata for many years.

She enjoyed singing and performed at many weddings and funerals.

She was born Nov. 8, 1916, in Steuben County to Forrest and Carrie (Firestone) Chamberlin. She married Ross Lacey on April 12, 1936. He died Jan. 26, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Phillip Meyer of Pleasant Lake; three grandchildren, Chris Meyer of Bowling Green, Ohio, Tony Meyer and his wife, Kelly, of North Baltimore, Ohio, and Pam Metcalf and her husband, Brian, of Coldwater, Mich.; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Mackenzie Stewart of North Baltimore, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Carolyn Lacey in 1947.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Richard Pettys officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Mount Zion United Methodist Church for the Music Department.

Edward Hawk

COLUMBIA CITY — Edward Theodore "Teddy" Hawk, 58, of Columbia City died Wednesday April 22, 2009, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hawk

Mr. Hawk had moved to Whitley County in 1959 from Allen County.

He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1970. He graduated from ITT in 1972.

Mr. Hawk had worked at Carpenter's Dairy Farm, Car-O-Matic Car Wash, Phillips 66 Southpoint, and in Fort Wayne at Northway Chrysler-Plymouth, Patton Electric Co. and Old Fort Supply. He was employed as a tester from 1983-1990 at Magnavox Corp. in Columbia City. He also delivered newspapers for Fort Wayne Newspapers.

He was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church, Sons of American Legion, Post 98, Elks Lodge, Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Little People of America Association, and the Embassy Foundation in Fort Wayne. He was an actor with Fort Wayne's Civic Theater and a past governor of Moose Lodge 1063.

He was born Sept. 27, 1950, in Fort Wayne to Theodore "Ted" M. and Luella M. (Francis) Hawk. His mother survives in Columbia City and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are three sisters, Electa Jane (Vern) Hawk-Hueske of Big Lake, Jo Ann (James) Espich of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Frances "Jackie" (Jerry) Long of Warsaw; eight nieces; eight nephews; and 25 great-nephews and nieces.

He was also preceded in death by a nephew.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Columbia City United Methodist Church, 605 Forest Parkway, Columbia City, with the Rev. Paul Arnold and Associate Pastor Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Hope Lutheran Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside in Columbia City.

Memorials are to Columbia City United Methodist Church or Little People of America Association.

Send online condolences to www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Robert Kollman

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Winfield Kollman, age 71, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Kollman was born in Kendallville on August 24, 1937, to the late Robert Arnold and Wilda Della (Wogomon) Kollman.

Mr. Kollman

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1957 and Midwestern College in Fort Wayne with an associate degree in engineering.

He married Elizabeth R. Freed on May 2, 1958, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Robert retired as a manufacturing engineer in March 2001 from Flint & Walling after 24 years.

He loved pencil sketching, feeding and watching the wild birds, oil painting, and rock and arrowhead collecting. Bob also enjoyed hunting and fishing, mushroom hunting, tending to his rose garden and woodworking.

He was an avid reader and liked to attend car shows and gun shows. He was meticulous about keeping his car clean and loved his cat "Sweetie."

Survivors include his wife of nearly 51 years, Elizabeth "Dolly" Kollman; a son, Todd and Diann Kollman and two daughters, Tawna and James Swartzlander and Melissa and Stephen Remke, all of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Lindy (Jonathan) Savoie of Wauconda, Illinois, Abby (Capt. Ryan) Abbott of South Korea, Anthony (Stefanie) Kollman of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Tyler and Tayla Kollman of Kendallville and Holly Remke of Kendallville; great-grandchildren, Tiffany Kollman of Cheyenne and baby Abbott on the way; and a sister, Jacqueline (Ted) Emmert of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be private for the family. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier, pastor of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Burial will be at a later date at Orange Cemetery.

Honorary bearers will be the late James Pierson Sr., Kenneth Freed, Jerry Karst, Ted Emmert, Bill Terry and Dan Bordner.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials may be made to the Kendallville Parks and Recreation Department for a magnolia tree to be planted and plaque placed in honor and in memory of Robert.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

James Houser

ALBION — James W. "Jim" Houser, 59, of rural Albion died Wednesday, April 23, 2009, at his home on Muncie Lake, near Albion.

Calling will be on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion.

Cremation will follow.

The family suggests memorials be made to a organization of choice.

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Valeria Barnhart

WARSAW — Valeria M. Barnhart, 90, of Warsaw and formerly of Auburn died Thursday, April 23, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw.

Mrs. Barnhart

Mrs. Barnhart was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Auburn and [illegible] American Mothers.

She was born in DeKalb County, Nov. 3, 1918, to Herman and Ethel (Johnson) Rennecker.

She married Paul Dilley on Oct. 21, 1939, and he died on Nov. 18, 1974. She then married B.E. Barnhart on Aug. 1, 1981, and he died on Dec. 19, 1982.

Surviving are a son, Leon (Connie) Dilley of Plainfield; a daughter, Phyllis (Richard) Carman of Warsaw; a daughter-in-law, Linda Dilley of Auburn; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, DuWayne Dilley; and a brother, Wayne Rennecker.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave. Auburn, with the Rev. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church in Auburn.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Roger Boots

WOLCOTTVILLE — Roger W. Boots, 70, of Wolcottville, died Sunday, April 19, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Boots

He was a lifetime resident of LaGrange and Steuben counties. Roger was a retired farmer and a current LaGrange County Commissioner serving the south district of LaGrange County from 2004 to the present. He was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ, the Pheasants Forever and an Associate Supervisor for the Soil and Water Conservation District. He was also a U.S. Army Veteran.

Roger was born on May 7, 1938, in Steuben County to Kenyon and Wava Gene (Alleshouse) Boots. On January 11, 1959, he married Ann L. Perkins in Stroh. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Mark Diehm of Wolcottville, Jill and Brad Gehring of Kendallville, Lisa and John Hancock of Spring Hill, Fla. and Lila and Steve Bowen of LaGrange; one son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Diana Boots of Wolcottville; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a half sister, Marcia Helmuth of Hudson; and a half brother, Gale Boots of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenyon and Wava Gene Alleshouse Boots; a brother, Chester Boots; his stepmother, Virginia Norton Boots; a granddaughter; and a grandson.

Services were Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at the Stroh Church of Christ with Pastor Mike Hamm officiating. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling was Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the church from 2-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Stroh Church of Christ, or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Leonard Meek

ASHLEY — Leonard D. Meek, 88, of Ashley and formerly of Pleasant Lake died Friday, April 24, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Meek had been a car salesman at Maxton Motors in Angola.

He was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church and a 50-year member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born Sept. 13, 1920, in Steuben County to Joseph and Buelah (Dreher) Meek.

He married Joyce Lane on Oct. 19, 1978. She survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Joy Howell and Kay and Michael Leas, all of Ashley; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Jane Meek of Chesterton, Ind.; two sisters, Agnes Fryer of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Beatrice Myers of Minong, Wis.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Ila Meek; a daughter, Marjorie Bakker; three brothers, LeRoy Meek, Marlin Meek and Kennard Meek; and a sister, Evelyn Meek.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Richard Pettys officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a Moose service at 3:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Veda Bellows

AVILLA — Veda M. Freeman Bellows, age 88, of Avilla, Ind., died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Bellows

Veda was born July 5, 1920, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to George and Maime (Bunch) Baysinger and they preceded her in death.

She married Melvin Freeman on August 23, 1937, in Garrett, Ind., and he died on December 28, 1957. She then married John V. Bellows on July 23, 1961, in Garrett, Ind. and he died August 19, 2005.

She taught at Ravenscroft Beauty College from 1959 until 1973 and was the owner of Veda's Beauty Shop from 1957 until 1999.

She is survived by her daughter and son in-law, Janice and Lee Christlieb of Avilla, Ind.; grandchildren, Joni and Matt Blomeke of Avilla, Ind.; Daren Christlieb of Avilla, Ind.; Dina and Scott Teders of Avilla, Ind.; Adam Bock and Brian Bock; Several nieces and nephews; and seven great-grandchildren, Andrea, John and Joe Christlieb, Jeremiah Blomeke and Brennen, Aubrey and Jared Teders. She is also survived by a sister, Mary Alice Cline of Fort Wayne, Ind.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Bock, and a sister, Grace Bright.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana and DeKalb Home Healthcare.

There will be no visitation.

A memorial graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Embrey Cemetery, rural Garrett, IN.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Harry Evans

EDWARDSBURG, Mich. — Harry Millard Evans, 75, of Edwardsburg and formerly of Orland, Ind., died Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

Funeral services were April 18 at Mayhew Funeral Home in Edwardsburg.

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Marcia Booher

LAGRANGE — Marcia Kay Booher, age 55, of LaGrange died on Friday, April 24, 2009, at her Fish Lake home.

Mrs. Booher

She was born in Winchester, Indiana, on September 7, 1953, to Ben and Kay (Sheilds) Johnson.

She graduated from Northeastern High School in Fountain City, Indiana, in 1971. She then went on to attend Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, Tenn., and Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne to earn a degree in elementary education.

She married Michael D. Booher on June 4, 1971 in Whitewater, Indiana.

Mrs. Booher taught at Prairie Heights Community Schools as a fifth- and first-grade teacher for 19 years. She helped develop the Panther Paradise which is an interactive learning garden for the children.

She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ in South Milford where she was very active.

Mrs. Booher played the organ, sang in the choir, was active in the ladies Joy Circle and helped with junior church.

She loved working outside in the garden with her flowers and enjoyed spending time on the water with her family.

Survivors include her mother, Kay Johnson of Richmond, Indiana; her husband, Michael D. Booher of LaGrange; one daughter; Michelle and Len Walter of South Milford; one son, Martin and Tiffany Booher of South Milford; four grandchildren, Logan Walter, Tanner Walter, Lillie Booher and Febie Marcia-Rose Booher; two brothers, Steve and Kathy Johnson of Richmond, Indiana, and Mark and Cindy Johnson of Carthage, Indiana; one sister, Linda and Dennis Hopkins of Knoxville, Tennessee; a half brother, Chris Johnson of Lynn, Ind.; several nieces and nephews; and her mother-in-law, Barbara Booher of Kendallville

She was preceded in death by her father, Ben Johnson; and her father-in-law, Russell Booher.

Visitation will be Monday, April 27, 2009, from 2 to 8 p.m. at South Milford Church of Christ north of South Milford.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Jim Freeman assisted by Brian Walter, Gil Alicea and Jim Mertz.

Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to South Milford Church of Christ.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Margaret Heckman

ALBION — Margaret A. "Marge" Heckman, 64, of rural Albion died at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009, at home following a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday and 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bear Lake Ministries Camp Fund.

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Terry Adams overcame obstacles

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Terry Adams overcame a childhood of abuse and polio to become an advocate for the abused and worked tirelessly to overcome her own physical challenges.

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BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Terry Adams' life was about two things, her family said, overcoming obstacles and helping others overcome their own.

Adams, 61, died April 9, in Angola.

Terry's husband, Norman Adams, said his wife was a survivor of abuse while growing up in West Virginia.

"Because of that, she became an advocate for other people who'd been abused," Norman Adams said.

Adams helped to establish the Community Anti-Violence Alliance in Angola, where she'd also worked as a counselor. Norman Adams said she'd also worked as a crisis counselor as a part of a ministry at the couple's church, First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, as well as with a rape crisis center in Fort Wayne. Her son, Scott, said he remembered a number of occasions when his mother would be traveling with him on the way to counsel a woman in trouble.

"It was about her getting into the nitty-gritty and helping people," Scott Adams said. His brother, Chip, agreed.

"She was very social-justice oriented," Chip Adams said. "She was really kind of a conscience for people."

As a child, Terry was stricken with polio, which led to a number of surgeries on her legs, Norman Adams said.

"I don't know how many surgeries, but it sealed the rest of her life, because one leg didn't develop correctly," he explained. "That led to curvature of the spine, scoliosis." That ultimately led to a major back surgery.

Though she was in pain for much of her life, that didn't deter her, Scott Adams said.

"A big factor when I chose to live in a dorm my freshman year at Purdue was to find a dorm with handicap-accessibility," he explained. "But on freshman move-in day, we soon realized that the elevator was broken. My room was on the fourth floor. So she hiked up the four flights on her crutches and then back down. I just found that to be truly remarkable. Her whole life, especially after her surgery, was about how to live with this thing."

Despite not being able to sit for long periods and facing other physical limitations, Adams didn't slow down, participating in a number of different activities, from painting and craft work, stage productions, singing with the Sweet Adelines and fishing.

"She loved to fish, I think that was her passion," Norman Adams said. "I don't really know where that came from, but she was the one who really knew how to fish, I was kind of along for the ride." He remembered visiting Michigan's Upper Peninsula on their honeymoon, much of which was spent fishing. Eventually, the couple bought the cabin they'd stayed in. "We always tried to get up there at least once or twice a year."

Norman Adams said he met his wife as she was visiting a friend in Ohio. "She'd run into an old school friend from junior high, who was working as a waitress at a bar, who invited her to come hang out. I just remember that she was one of those people who looked out of place there." They were married five-and-a-half months later.

Adams' adopted son, Brian, who was born with cerebral palsy, remembered his mother as a source of strength.

"If ever you were in a bad situation, she would always make it into a learning experience," Brian Adams said. "She did that no matter what the situation was."

Brian said he was always close to his mother, even after he began living on his own. "Every time I'd go over, she would always tell me she was proud of me. When I met my mother before she died, she told me she was proud of me, that'd I'd done something with my life."

Brian said his mother was always willing to help him look for his birth mother, who gave him up when he was a few months old. Before she passed away, however, Brian told his mother he didn't want to keep looking.

"I told her, 'I found my mom, I found you,'" he said.

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Marion 'Lyle' Wiler

AUBURN — Marion "Lyle" Wiler, 90, of Auburn died Friday, April 24, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born in Poe on March 24, 1919, to Clarence Victor and Myrtle May (Hefty) Wiler. His parents have both passed away.

Lyle worked at Hubbard Spool in Garrett for over 35 years before retiring in 1987. He joined the CCC and worked area projects including planting many of the Blue Spruce trees throughout Pokagon State Park, which he was very proud of.

He was an avid bowler, bowling in several leagues. He loved and enjoyed his dogs, grandchildren and working in his yard, which earned him an Auburn Home Improvement Award in 1978.

He married Martha VanGilder on Nov. 21, 1953, in Angola. She died on Sept. 13, 2007.

He is survived by a daughter, Tina Metzger of Auburn; three grandchildren, Tyler Tharpe of Indianapolis, Kelly Sue Tharpe-Rowe of Auburn and Greg Metzger of Las Vegas; five great-grandchildren, Kyle Rowe, Taylor Rowe, Emily Rowe, Jake Lyle Tharpe and Becca Metzger; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Margie Severance of Garrett, Kathleen Joan Woods of Garrett and Donna Irene and Gerald Creager of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son-in-law Michael Metzger and four brothers, Gerald Victor Wiler, Bernard LaVon Wiler, Vincent Fern Wiler and Kermit Francis Wiler.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Pastor Mike Ansbaugh will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Thomas Yoder

TOPEKA — Thomas N. Yoder, 55, of Topeka died Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Hobert Winebrenner

MERRIAM—Hobert Winebrenner, 88, a resident near Merriam, died at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Among the surviving relatives is his wife, Marian (Poppele) Winebrenner.

Funeral arrangements are being completed at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be posted online at sheetsandchilds.net.

Daniel Schrock

GOSHEN — Daniel T. Schrock, 77, of Goshen, died Friday, April 24, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the family residence at 3135S C.R. 1200 W, Goshen. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence.

Condolences may be sent online at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Martha Coburn

LIGONIER — Martha Ann Coburn, 60, of Ligonier died Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 6 a.m. at her residence after a courageous battle with cancer.

She moved to Ligonier in 1965 from Sandusky, Ohio. She retired from Silgan Plastics after over 20 years of service.

Mrs. Coburn

Mrs. Coburn was born June 26, 1948, in Norton, Va., to Joe and Roalice (Wheatley) James. She married Rick Coburn on Sept. 1, 1984; he survives.

Martha enjoyed candy making, baking, bingo, going to the flea market, beanies, camping and fishing.

With her husband, she is survived by three children, Cindy (Bruce) Kreutzer of Auburn, Ala., Celinda "Cee Cee" Ratliff of Goshen and Thomas Jr. "Tommy" (Marcy) Kuemmel of Ligonier; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her mother, Roalice James of Ligonier; two sisters, Glenna Clark of Ligonier and Jody Stump of Ligonier; a brother, Jeff James of Topeka; several nieces and nephews; all her friends; and her dogs, Ginger and Nicole.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe James, and her daughter, Christina Hilker.

Services will be Wednesday April 29, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home with Pastor Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Interment will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be Tuesday April 28, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorial are to Goshen Center for Cancer Care, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46527.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Thomas Yoder

TOPEKA — Thomas N. "Tom" Yoder, 55, of Topeka passed away unexpectedly Saturday, April 25, 2009, at 4:09 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen following a brief illness.

He was born March 17, 1954, in Goshen to Maynard and Marietta Yoder. Tom was co-owner of Yoder Farm Service in Topeka where he had worked since the age of 16. He was a 25-year retired member of the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department and was also a member of the Topeka Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother, Marietta of Topeka; two daughters, Sabrina (Bob) Penick of Topeka and Wendy (Scott) Griffith of Goshen; four grandchildren, Madison, Kyle and Korey Penick and Jack Griffith; and a companion of nine years, Barb Logan of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Maynard Yoder, and his paternal grandparents.

Friends may call Tuesday, April 28, 2009, from noon to 8 p.m. at Maple Grove Church, 806 Main St., Topeka. A funeral service will take place Wednesday April 29, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the church with Pastor Harold Gingerich officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Topeka. Pallbearers will be Kenny Christner, Kenny Miller, Travis Stohlman, John Romer, Josh Herschberger and Steve Western. Honorary pallbeaers will be Cleo Hartzler and Dick Fought.

Memorial contributions are to the Topeka Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 127, Topeka, IN 46571.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 27, 2009, Monday

Hobert Winebrenner

MERRIAM — Hobert Winebrenner, 88, a resident of Merriam, passed away at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Winebrenner

He was born on April 14, 1921 to the late Opal Ressler. His pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his wife of 64 years Marian (Poppele) Winebrenner; children Steve (Valerie) Winebrenner of Fulton, Md., and George (Jill) Winebrenner and Jane Ann (Bill) Stroup, both of Columbia City; grandchildren Kristina Tsuleff, Sarah Ball, Kara Kehoe, Joshua Stroup, Eric Winebrenner, and Kathleen Heiman; and six great-grandchildren.

Hobert retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 40 years of service. In his younger years he was a mail carrier for USPS. He also worked for L. I. Griffith in construction.

He was a World War II Army veteran, and served as a sergeant with the 358th regiment, 90th infantry division. He served for three years overseas in the European theater including Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Bastogre. He was honored with many medals including the purple heart with bronze cluster, silver star, five bronze stars, bronze arrowhead, French croix de guerre with Moselle-Saar Rivers Pal, and the POW medal. He authored the book “Bootprints” which chronicled his experiences in the war.

He was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246, Ninetieth Division Association, and the General Electric Quarter Century Club.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer, the celebrant.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service. Vigil service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

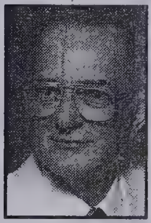
Burial with military graveside rites will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to St. Labre Indiana School, Ashland, MT 59004

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Winebrenner’s memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Dr. Robert Bresick

LAGRANGE — Dr. Robert W. Bresick, DDS, 80, of LaGrange died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, at his winter home in Naples, Fla.


Dr. Bresick

Dr. Bresick moved from Indianapolis to LaGrange in 1958 where he was a dentist until 1989. He was a graduate of DePauw University in Greencastle and Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis, and was a United States Army veteran.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1928, in Preble to Ralph P. and Ruth A. (Wallace) Bresick; they both preceded him in death. On June 25, 1955, in Ozone Park, N.Y., he married Charlotte F. Broemel, who survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Kathryn Strahm of Fort Wayne, Janet Summitt of Greenwood and Ruth and Kent Pajor of Mishawaka; three grandsons; a sister, Susan Roehrdanz of Fishers; and a nephew, James Roehrdanz of Fishers.

Calling will be Saturday, May 2, from 2-4 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Private graveside services will be at a later time with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket or ARK Animal Rescue and Adoption Inc.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ronnie Avra

QUINCY, Mich. — Ronnie Everett Avra, 59, of Quincy passed away April 24, 2009, at his home.

Ronnie graduated from Quincy High School in 1968. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War where he served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne as a telecommunications operator. He was also a member of the National Guard for 6 years. After serving in the military, Ronnie went to work for Acorn Building Components in Quincy. Ronnie then worked various jobs in the Coldwater/Quincy area including driving truck. He became self-employed as owner operator of Avra Trucking until he retired due to his health.

He was born April 18, 1950, in Union City, Ind., to Everett and Martha (Thornburg) Avra. He married Linda Foschi on Aug. 21, 1976, in Coldwater.

He enjoyed hunting, entertaining family and friends, and especially spending time with his grandson.

He is survived by his wife Linda; two daughters, Tami Avra of Battle Creek and Amber Avra (Lloyd Troxtle) of Alexandria, Ind.; a grandson, Caden Troxtle; his mother, Martha Avra of Quincy; a sister, Judy Avra (Bruce) of Coldwater; a sister-in-law, Karen Avra of Coldwater; three brothers, Keith Avra (Holly) of Quincy, Freddie Avra (Josephine) of Quincy and Billie Avra (Shelley) of Quincy; seven nephews, Shawn Avra (Mary), Corey Avra (Michelle), Michael Avra (Stephanie), Chris Fulk (Teresa), Matt Avra (Kelli), Ted Avra and Ryan Ward (Holly); three nieces, Muffin Avra (Travis), Bobbie Avra and Natalie Avra; and 14 great-nephews and -nieces.

His father, Everett Valindingham Avra, and two brothers, Lonnie Eugene Avra and Randy Paul Avra, preceded Ronnie in death.

Visitation will be held on Monday, April 27, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater. Funeral services will be held Tuesday April 28, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the Dutcher Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Pickell officiating. Burial will take place at the Fisher Hill Cemetery in Quincy.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Branch County or to the scholarship fund of his grandson, Caden Troxtle.

To share a thought in the online guestbook, visit www.dutcherfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ed Rousseau, Fort Wayne civic leader, dies

FORT WAYNE — Former Fort Wayne leader Ed Rousseau, 76, has died, WANE-TV reported Sunday.

Rousseau served the Fort Wayne community for 40 years. He was a city and county councilman before becoming a county commissioner.

Rousseau retired from his political career in December 2004. He told NewsChannel 15 at the time that his diagnosis with cancer in 2001 was not his reason for retiring.

Rousseau's long political career left behind a lasting legacy. He worked with state Sen. Tom Weiss to get the funding for the Airport Expressway. He also gave 68 speeches to help build the Expo Center at the coliseum, and he was instrumental in the development of Memorial Stadium.

Rousseau told NewsChannel 15 in 2004 he was most proud of leading the way to getting the General Motors plant to Fort Wayne.

Current Allen County Commissioners Linda Bloom and Nelson Peters issued the following statements about Rousseau's passing.

"I loved Ed and loved working with him. He was a true 'team player.' 'Big Ed' was also an inspiration outside of politics with the many community-oriented projects he was involved in. He taught me so much about so many things. Our community owes him a debt of gratitude and I shall greatly miss him," Bloom said.

"Ed was an icon. After his family, he always put the interests of the citizens of Fort Wayne and Allen County first and did so much to improve the quality of life in this community. Personally, he was a mentor to me and will be sorely missed," Peters said.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 28, 2009, Tuesday

Jana Smock

FORT WAYNE — Jana M. Smock, 45, passed away Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She was born January 24, 1964, in Fort Wayne and worked as a sales/administrator with Northern Apex.

She was a member of Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Jana and Bruce married Oct. 9, 1997, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Smock

She loved her family and cherished her grandchildren and enjoyed gardening and camping. Surviving are her husband, Bruce A. Smock of Huntertown; daughters, Nicole (Adam) Davis of Huntertown and Tiffany Thieme of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Riley, Zoe and Carter, stepson, Brad (Angie) Smock of Roanoke; stepdaughter, Sara Augulira of Texas; father and stepmother, Gene and Cheri Holcomb of Kendallville, mother and stepfather, Marie and Dale Dolby of Markle; brother, Mike Holcomb and companion Tonya of Kimmell; stepsisters Telina Sheppard of Jacksonville, Florida and Juli Davidson of Lee Summit, Missouri; and grandmothers, Jean Vinyard of Avilla and Leah Larkin of Kendallville.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16115 Lima Road, with the Rev. Sherri Long officiating.

Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Alford Bowling

ANGOLA — Alford "Lee" Bowling, 44, of Angola died Friday, April 24, 2009, at Glenbrook Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 13, 1965.

Mr. Bowling

Mr. Bowling is survived by his parents, Don and Linda Lanning of Angola; three sisters, Robin Donihue of Virginia, Tammy and Mike Stanley of Fort Wayne and Angie and David Batchelder of Hudson; a daughter, Jennifer Revert of Fort Wayne; his biological father, Alford Bowling of Lawrenceburg; and several nieces and nephews.

His body was donated to science through Life Quest in Pennsylvania.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Lynna Malato

KENDALLVILLE — Lynna Ruth Mae Malato, 81, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 26, 2009, at her home.

There will be no visitation or funeral services.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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April 29, 2009, Wednesday

Juanita Smith

FREMONT — Juanita June Smith, 90, of Fremont and formerly of Williams County, Ohio, died Wednesday, April 27, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Smith

She had also previously lived in Montpelier, Ohio, Angola and in Michigan.

Mrs. Smith had been a clerk at the former Shultz Department Store in Angola. She was retired.

She was a member of Nettle Lake United Brethren Church and the Nettle Lake Grandmothers' Missionary Club.

She was born May 22, 1918, in Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, to James A. and Edna B. (Miller) Rigelman.

Her first husband, Raymond Miller, died Feb. 1, 1951. She then married Cleo M. Smith on Oct. 21, 1961. He died Dec. 29, 1975.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Ruth and Gary Lewis of Tulsa, Okla., and Sue Rumsey of Angola; four sons and daughters-in-law, James and Esther Miller of Fremont, Richard and Lulah Miller of Columbia, Ohio, David and Rosa Miller of Columbia, Ohio, and Dean and Marilyn Miller of Monroe, Wis.; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Frances and John Kreischer of Montpelier, Ilene and Leon Snyder of Angola and Joan and Robert Becker of Pioneer, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; 21 stepgrandchildren; 27 stepgreat-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter; a grandson; two great-grandsons; a stepson and his wife; a stepdaughter; a stepgreat-granddaughter; a stepgreat-grandson; and three brothers, David Jackman, Clarence Rigelman and Sterling Rigelman.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery at Columbia, Ohio.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis or the Steuben County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Oscar Wells

BUTLER — Oscar P. Wells, 77, of Butler died Friday, April 24, 2009, at his home.

There will be no calling.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

McKinley Garrett

AUBURN — McKinley Tyler "Peanut" Garrett, 7 months, died Monday, April 27, 2009, at her home.

She was born Sept. 22, 2008, in Auburn to Joshua Tyler Garrett and Kyra White-Garrett. Her father survives in Fort Wayne and her mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sisters, Kennedy and Zoe Garrett of Auburn; maternal grandparents, Bruce and Sarah White of Auburn, and Michele Milholland and Richard Carr of St. Joe; paternal grandparents, Rhonda and Chad Lambright of Fort Wayne and Wayne and Sybil Garrett of Morristown, Tenn.; and great-grandparents, Pat and Bob Spice, Freeman Lambright, Jan and Kenny Steele, Lois Garrett and Milburn and Carol Trent.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Feller & Clark Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

THE NEWS SUN
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April 29, 2009, Wednesday

Gerald Anderson

KENDALLVILLE — Gerald Victor "Ike" Anderson, age 81, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mr. Anderson

He was born in Ege, Indiana, on February 19, 1928, to William and Margaret Cecil (Barrows) Anderson.

Mr. Anderson served his country in the United States Army from 1953-55.

He was a member of the VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He married Frances Louise Bollinger on August 26, 1972, in LaGrange.

Mr. Anderson worked at Flint & Walling in Kendallville for 28 years. He then was employed for four years with Patterson Furniture in Wolcottville and later worked with Mike Strawser and Strawser Auctions in Wolcottville.

He was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ in South Milford.

Mr. Anderson had been an avid Chicago Cubs fan since 1939. He also liked to bowl and to be outdoors fishing and tinkering in his workshop.

Survivors include three daughters, Debbie and Mike Chapman of Kendallville, Cindy and Matt Jordan of Wolcottville and Kathy and Butch Skelly of Ashley; two stepsons, David and Peggy VanGordon of Kendallville and Daniel and Debbie VanGordon of Angola; nine grandchildren, Nikki Smith, Luke Jordan, Brad Chapman, Eric Jordan, Megan DePew, Leona Chrysler, Crystal Rice, Andrew VanGordon and Brandon VanGordon; and eight great-grandchildren, Kaitlin Smith, Melinda Smith, Alex Smith, Dakota Smith, Elijah Chapman, Chloe Jordan, Austin DePew and Treyvin DePew.

He was preceded in death by parents; his wife, Frances Anderson; two sisters, Roliene Renkenberger and Ethelyn Herendeen; and a brother, Richard Anderson.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 30, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 1, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Jim Mertz.

Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford, Indiana.

View a video tribute by Thursday, April 30, 2009 or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

W. Richard Hassan

GOSHEN — W. Richard Hassan, 87, of Goshen died Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at Greencroft Health Care, Goshen.

Calling is from 9-10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, followed by a prayer service and burial at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury. A memorial service will be held after the burial at noon in the Koininia room at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, the Rev. Klaudia Smucker officiating.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society, 675 S.R. 116, Metamora, IL 61548; the Middlebury Community Historical Museum, P.O. Box 270, Middlebury, IN 46540; or the Jubilee Fund of College Mennonite Church, Goshen.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 29, 2009 Wednesday

Arthur Lawrence Stickell, 92

AVILLA — Arthur Lawrence Stickell, 92, died peacefully on Friday, April 17, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

The son of Harley and Daisy Stickell, he was born in Elba Township, Knox County, Illinois, on September 25, 1916.

After twice returning to work on the family farm during the Depression years, he graduated from the University of Illinois in 1940 and law school in 1942.

As a new naval lieutenant, he took charge of a just-completed minesweeper at Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Living with his wife, Julia, he trained up and down the mid-Atlantic states. Then, following the ground war, he served off North Africa, Italy, and southern France, before ending service in the Philippines.

These experiences added to his natural curiosity and a certain restlessness.

He practiced law in Illinois from the 1940s to the 1960s, was an early developer in the Cape Canaveral area of Florida, worked in the steel industry of northern Indiana in the 1980s, and settled in Fort Wayne to be closer to his youngest grandchildren.

Not given to retirement, he made many area friends in his work in real estate, insurance, and as a Blue Cross senior adviser.

A year ago, he lost his beloved wife of 66 years.

He is survived by two sons, Larry (Kim) of Roanoke and Doug of Maquon, Illinois.

He deeply loved his nine granddaughters, Steffanie (deceased), Rebekah (deceased), Hedley, Susan, Danielle, Caroline, Madeleine, Hilary and Sophie, and his great-grandson, Sacha.

Services were held April 22, 2009 at the Provena Sacred Heart Home. Father Dan Leeuw conducted the services. Burial will be in Gilson Cemetery, Gilson, Illinois.

Arrangements were by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Martha E. Wyatt, 85

LAGRANGE — Former Howe businesswoman Martha E. Wyatt, 85, died at 10:32 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Wyatt had owned and operated Martha's Beauty Shop in Howe for 50 years.

She was a graduate of Topeka High School and the Fort Wayne Beauty College.

Mrs. Wyatt was a member of Howe United Methodist Church and active with the church's Kid's Club.

She was born Jan. 3, 1924, in Pennville, Ind., to William Russell and Lillian Hazel (Irey) Horn.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, Greg and Diane Wyatt of Goshen, Tim Wyatt of Howe, Tom and April Wyatt of Goshen, Brad Wyatt of Avilla and Brian Wyatt of Howe; a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Mark Weaver of Orland; a sister, Charlene Heintzelman of Cromwell; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Joseph Horn, Charles Horn and James Horn; and four sisters, Wilma Bentley, Barbara Caple, Beverly Renkenberger and Mary Etta Horn.

Services were held April 23, 2009 at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Pastor Dewey Miller of Howe United Methodist Church officiated. Burial took place in Eden Cemetery at Topeka.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 29, 2009 Wednesday

Carmel Mitchell, 78

LIGONIER — Carmel Jean Mitchell of Ligonier died Sunday, April 19, 2009, at 7 a.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

She was born May 9, 1930, in Floyd County, Kentucky, to Andy and Lillie (nee Osborne) Caudill.

She came to the area from Kentucky in 1960.

On May 5, 1947, she married Claude Mitchell. He survives in Ligonier.

Mrs. Mitchell retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier in 1985 and was a homemaker for the duration of her life.

She was a member of the Full House Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Kimmell.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and her family. She enjoyed cooking for them and she will be greatly missed by all.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Nila Mitchell of Ligonier; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Ethel Gans of Wolf Lake.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Robert C. Swovland; a brother, Ishal Caudill; and two sisters, Elsie Newsome and Armel Jewell Hamilton.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mitchell were held April 22, 2009, at the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Kimmell. Pastor Glen Patrick officiated.

Burial followed the funeral service at Wolf Lake Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com for online condolences.

Veda M. Freeman Bellows, 88

AVILLA — Veda M. Freeman Bellows, age 88, of Avilla, Ind., died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Veda was born July 5, 1920, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to George and Maime (Bunch) Baysinger and they preceded her in death.

She married Melvin Freeman on August 23, 1937, in Garrett, Ind., and he died on December 26, 1957. She then married John V. Bellows on July 23, 1961, in Garrett, Ind. and he died August 19, 2005.

She taught at Ravenscroft Beauty College from 1959 until 1973 and was the owner of Veda's Beauty Shop from 1957 until 1999.

She is survived by her daughter and son in-law, Janice and Lee Christlieb of Avilla, Ind.; grandchildren, Joni and Matt Blomeke of Avilla, Ind.; Daren Christlieb of Avilla, Ind.; Dina and Scott Teders of Avilla, Ind.; Adam Bock and Brian Bock; several nieces and nephews; seven great-grandchildren, Andrea, John and Joe Christlieb, Jeremiah Blomeke and Brennen, Aubrey and Jared Teders; and several great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Mary Alice Cline of Fort Wayne, Ind.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Bock, and a sister, Grace Bright.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana and DeKalb Home Healthcare.

A memorial graveside service took place April 25, 2009 at Embrey Cemetery, rural Garrett, IN.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 29, 2009 Wednesday

James W. Houser, 59

ALBION - James W. "Jim" Houser, 59 of rural Albion passed away on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2009 at 6:15 P.M. at his home on Munice Lake, near Albion.

Jim had moved to the Albion area in the late 1970's coming from Fort Wayne. Jim was known to be a very active man enjoying to fish at his lake house on Muncie Lake and he also enjoyed hunting and gardening, but most of all he loved playing with his grandkids. Jim also while working full time loved his job and was a verydedicated worker.

Jim was born on January 1st, 1950 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Wayne James and Harriet (Neireiter) Houser.

On July 26, 1990 at their home on Munice Lake Jim married Peggy Sue Burton who survives.

Jim was employed for over 34 years as a Steel Worker for Slater Steel in Fort Wayne. He retired in 2001 after becoming ill.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Sue (Burton) Houser; two sons; Cory Houser of Fort Wayne and Jake (Elizabeth) Houser of Noble County; two daughters; Amy (John) Calderone of Noblesville, Indiana and Heidi (Kody) Hunt of Avilla; four grandchildren, Gina, Javin, Alexis and Natlia and 2 grandchildren are on the way; two sisters, Linda (David) Trzynka of Iron River, WS. and Nancy (Jim) Dustman of Fort Wayne.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Steve Houser and one sister Carol Harpel.

Jim was cremated following the visitation on Sunday .

The family suggests memorials be made to a organization of choice.

Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Margaret A. Heckman, 64

ALBION – Margaret A. "Marge" Heckman, 64, a resident of rural Albion, died at 6:00 p. m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the family residence north of Wolf Lake. She had been in failing health for the past two years, and had been seriously ill for the past month.

Mrs. Heckman was born in Salamanca, New York on March 2, 1945, a daughter of Ray and Ann (Smith) Shroyer. She spent her formative years in Fort Wayne, and graduated from Central High School in 1963. She attended IPFW and graduated from Indiana Tech in 1979.

Throughout her adult life she had always worked in the nursing home field, and was the office manager at the former Oak Leaf Village in Ligonier for six years. After the nursing home changed ownership, she became the social services and admissions director of Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier for a year, retiring due to ill health.

She was a member of Bear Lake Ministries, and was a past state nursing home activities director of the year. In her leisure time she enjoyed camping, singing in church, and most especially loved and cherished her family.

The surviving relatives include her husband James W. Heckman; her children Darla Strowmatt of Churubusco, Mike (Sonya) Keller of Columbia City, David (Pam) Keller of Morganton, N.C., and Margie (John) Schwartz of Lake Elsinore, Calif; her mother Ann Shroyer of Albion; a sister Sharon Schaefer of Avilla; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father on March 7, 1994.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. on Monday, April 27, 2009, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Bill Cupp and Monte Harlan, officiating.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Bear Lake Ministries Camp Fund.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 29, 2009 Wednesday

Hobert Winebrenner, 88

MERRIAM – Hobert Winebrenner, 88, a resident of Merriam, passed away at 8:45 a. m. on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after an extended illness.

He was born on April 14, 1921 to the late Opal Ressler. His pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his wife of 64 years Marian (Poppele) Winebrenner; children Steve (Valerie) Winebrenner of Fulton, Md., and George (Jill) Winebrenner and Jane Ann (Bill) Stroup, both of Columbia City; grandchildren Kristina Tsuleff, Sarah Ball, Kara Kehoe, Joshua Stroup, Eric Winebrenner, and Kathleen Heiman; and six great-grandchildren.

Hobert retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 40 years of service. In his younger years he was a mail carrier for USPS. He also worked for L. I. Griffith in construction.

He was a World War II Army veteran, and served as a sergeant with the 358th regiment, 90th infantry division. He served for three years overseas in the European theater including Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Bastogre. He was honored with many medals including the purple heart with bronze cluster, silver star, five bronze stars, bronze arrowhead, French croix de guerre with Moselle-Saar Rivers Palm, and the POW medal. He authored the book "Bootprints" which chronicled his experiences in the war.

He was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246, Ninetieth Division Association, and the General Electric Quarter Century Club.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a. m. Wednesday at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City, with Father Larry Kramer, the celebrant.

Burial with military graveside rites was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT 59004

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Winebrenner's memory, www.sheetsandchildsfuneralhome.com.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 30, 2009, Thursday

Lucy Walter

KENDALLVILLE — Lucy C. Walter, 93, of Kendallville died Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 2:45 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mrs. Walter

Mrs. Walter had resided at the nursing home since January 2000, coming from Rome City. She was a homemaker, and, along with her husband, owned and operated Orpheum Dry Cleaners in Fort Wayne for many years.

She was a member of the Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She also enjoyed fishing, boating, reading, crocheting, knitting, traveling, and going to Chicago with her husband.

Her grandchildren always remembered her as being a "spiffy dresser."

She was born August 7, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Frank Albert and Myrtle E. (Springer) Moses. On April 30, 1934, she married Leonard C. Walter.

Surviving are a daughter, Marylin Donat of Rome City; a daughter-in-law, Dorothy Walter of Rome City; four granddaughters, Jodi Cooper, Dawn Hutcherson, Kathy DeMuyt and Christine Hartman; three grandsons, Eric Walter, Len Walter and Terry Donat; 13 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Leonard C. Walter Jr.; a son-in-law, Richard Donat; a sister, Harriet Hissong; and a brother, Roy Moses.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 1, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Jim Mertz of the South Milford Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Tim Cooper, Eric Walter, Len Walter, Damen DeMuyt, Brandon Donat and Mark Rensberger.

Calling will be Friday, May 1, 2009, from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill or South Milford Church of Christ.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Michael Prill

LAGRANGE — Michael H. Prill, 69, of LaGrange died unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at this residence.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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April 30, 2009, Thursday

Oliver Petry

FREMONT — Oliver Stanley Petry, 90, of Fremont died Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Petry had been a rural mail carrier. He retired in 1980. He had also served as sales manager at L.G. Maxton in Angola, had owned a used auto lot for 14 years and had worked at Willy's Overland Jeep plant in Toledo, Ohio, at Pet Milk in Angola and was a shoe salesman in Toledo.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Petry was a member of Fremont American Legion Post 257 where he had served as commander and adjutant. He was also a member of the 40&8.

He was born March 24, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Oliver and Clara (Burnett) Petry. He married Eva Kitoff on June 27, 1942. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, John Petry of Jimmerson Lake, Angola, Robert Petry of East Moline, Ill., and Edward and Tina Petry of Jimmerson Lake; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Don Greuter

WATERLOO — Don C. Greuter, 77, of Waterloo died Wednesday April 29, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Greuter

Mr. Greuter was a truck driver for Vulcraft for 18 years. He then drove part time for Evans Trucking in Butler.

He was born Sept. 19, 1931, in Defiance, Ohio, to Elmer and Pearl (Closson) Greuter.

He married Nora "June" Carroll on Aug. 29, 1969, in Pleasant Lake. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are five daughters, Jackie Williams of Warsaw, Brenda Naish of Warsaw, Judy Watson of St. Joe, Nina Bennet of Waterloo and Cathy Greuter of Avilla; one brother, Delmer Greuter of Butler; four sisters, Margie Claar of Union City, Mich., Jan Harding of New Haven, Joyce Stonebraker of Fort Wayne and Ellie Fike of Corunna; 11 grandchildren; and nine stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepdaughter, Virginia Brake; three brothers, Jennings Greuter, Melvin Greuter and John Greuter; and a sister, Dorothy Elser.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with Larry Williams officiating.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

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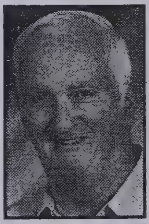
May 1, 2009, Friday

Michael Prill

LAGRANGE — Michael H. Prill, 69, of LaGrange died unexpectedly at his residence Wednesday, April 29, 2009.


Mr. Prill

Mr. Prill had lived most of his life in the LaGrange area. He had retired from Schrock Real Estate in LaGrange as the office manager.

He also was a former insurance agent.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, LaGrange Lodge 144 Knights of Pythias and a trustee of Farmers Mutual Insurance.

Mr. Prill was born on March 5, 1940, in East Chicago, Ind., to Harold E. and Mildred C. (Sigler) Prill. He married Helen L. Bell on April 29, 1961. in LaGrange. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and David Chrisman of LaGrange and Kay and Steve Heller of Wolcottville; a son, Craig M. Prill of LaGrange; seven grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Fredric and Erma Prill of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Services will be at 10 a.m Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Householder Fund in care of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Willa Durnell

FREMONT — Willa Joyce Durnell, 92, of Fremont died Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Durnell

Mrs. Durnell had been a homemaker and had owned the Corner Pocket in Fremont with her husband, L. Wayne Durnell. She had also been employed at Magnavox in Fort Wayne, ILC in Fremont and Aro in Angola.

She was a 1934 graduate of Fremont High School.

Mrs. Durnell attended the Old York Church.

She was born Nov. 26, 1916, in Fremont to Riley Earl and Clara May (Reppert) Northam. She married LeRoy Wayne Durnell on Nov. 4, 1961. He died June 14, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joann and Larry Penner of Fremont and Mary and Jack Burrell of Fremont; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerome and Faye Newbauer of Pleasant Lake and John Stienbarger and his companion, Linda Loflin, of Angola; two sons-in-law, Dennis Hostetler of Angola and James Meagher of Fremont; 16 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Judy Hostetler on Oct. 30, 1999, and Vera Jane Meagher on Dec. 12, 2007; a granddaughter; four great-granddaughters; a brother; and three sisters.

Calling will be from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor Sam Hoffman officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakeside Cemetery, Box 81, Fremont, IN 46737.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Robert Chambers

FORT WAYNE — Robert Chambers, 58, of Fort Wayne died Friday, April 24, 2009, at his home.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at The Pub, located at 2737 W. Washington Center Road.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Paul Miller

HUDSON — Paul R. Miller, 75, of Hudson died Thursday, April 30, 2009, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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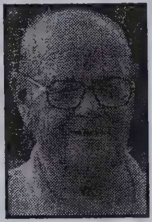
May 2, 2009, Saturday

Paul Miller

HUDSON — Paul Russell Miller, age 75, of rural Hudson, died on Thursday, April 30, 2009, at home.


Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was born near Hudson in Steuben County on September 15, 1933, to the late Ray Owen and Alice Mae (Stout) Miller.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1953 and married Joan Fannin on July 25, 1954, in Hudson.

He was a lifetime Steuben County farmer and was employed with Monsanto in Ligonier for 32 years before retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the St. Mary's of the Angels Catholic Chapel at Big Long Lake.

Paul enjoyed tractor pulls and fixing up old tractors.

He belonged to the Steuben County Antique Tractor Association, the Cedar Creek Tractor Association, and the Noble County Tractor Association.

Each year he looked forward to helping with the Riley Tractor Pull in Auburn.

Paul also loved to put out and tend to his garden.

His dog, Holly, was a faithful friend and golf cart companion.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Joan Miller of Hudson; four daughters, Kim and Pat Dunno of Coldwater, Michigan, Carla Miller of Kendallville, Amy Miller of Convoy, Ohio, and Shelly MaHannah of Garrett; three sons, Paul and Renee Miller II of Hudson, Scott and Tam Miller of Kendallville and Tony and Gail Miller of Columbia City; 24 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; one sister, Treva Miller of Rome City; and three nieces.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Skylar David Scott Miller, and a brother-in-law, Glenn Miller.

Visitation will be Sunday, May 3, 2009, from 2-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Mass of Christian burial will be Monday, May 4, 2009, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Chapel at Big Long Lake. There will be one hour of viewing before the funeral.

Officiating the funeral service will be Fr. David Carkenord.

Burial will be at Wright Cemetery in Stroh, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Pat Dunno, Joe Greuter, Don Swank, Dan Wagler, Jeff Birch, Ryan TenEyck, Scott Miller and Zayne Weck.

Preferred memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

Send online condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

James Roberts Jr.

SALAMONIA, Ind. — James E. Roberts Jr., 57, of Salamonia, near Portland, died Thursday, April 30, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Collett Church of the Nazarene near Portland with Pastor Mike Hamm and Pastor Billy Stanton officiating. Burial will be in Salamonia Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the State of the Heart Hospice, Collett Church of the Nazarene Memorial Fund or the Imagine Project at the Stroh First Church of Christ in Stroh, Ind.

Condolences may be sent online to www.williamsonspencer.com.

Betty Waltenburg

NEW HAVEN — Betty L. Waltenburg, 71, of New Haven died Friday, May 1, 2009, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery north of Ligonier.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

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Jean Sicks

AUBURN — Jean E. Sicks, 89, died Thursday, April 30, 2009, at The Laurels in Butler.

Mrs. Sicks

Mrs. Sicks had worked at the Auburn Rubber Co. until it closed. She then joined the housekeeping department at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. She retired from there in 1996 with 19 years of service.

Following her retirements she spent the winter months in Florida with her daughters.

Mrs. Sicks was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

She was born Sept. 17, 1919, in St. Joe, Ind., to Derwood B. and Callie (Wineland) Ridgway. She married Keith Davis and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Delores (Larry) Emenhiser of Spencerville and Linda Hiser of Antwerp, Ohio; a son Derwood Lee (Roz) Davis of Urbana, Ohio; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Janice Hollabaugh of Butler.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Phyllis June Baker on Sept. 30, 2004, and a brother, John Kenneth Ridgway on Sept. 24, 2001.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior to services at St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe. Merle Holden will officiate.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Memorials are to St. Mark Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 345, St. Joe, IN 46785.

THE NEWS SUN
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May 3, 2009, Sunday

Former marshal cared about Avilla

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AVILLA — Paul Bolinger made the town of Avilla a priority in his life for decades.

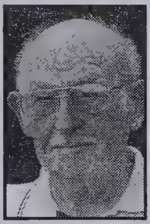
Bolinger served as town marshal from 1966, when he moved to the town, until 1977 and was the utility manager from 1978 to 1988. He also served on the Avilla Town Board from 1992 to 1996.

Bolinger died April 4 at the Shady Rest Care Pavilion in Fort Myers, Fla.

"He was a good man for the town," said Avilla town manager Bill Ley. Bolinger was the utility manager and, therefore, Ley's boss when Ley began working at the town 27 years ago.

"The town was his first priority as far as the job goes," Ley added. "He wanted to do what was best for the town, and he didn't show any favoritism. He was an all-around good guy."

As utility manager, Bolinger spent his time making sure the town's departments, including water, wastewater and electric utilities, ran efficiently.



Mr. Bolinger

"If there was a power outage in the middle of the night, he was the one they called," Ley said. "If there was a water problem in the middle of the night, he was the one they called."

Terry Brazzell was the Avilla Fire Chief for several years while Bolinger served as utility manager. He said he remembers Bolinger plowing snow, always taking care to plow the fire department and marshal's office first.

"He was out all hours of the day and night plowing snow," Brazzell said.

Brazzell added that he considered Bolinger a friend, "and I think Paul considered me a friend."

He said Bolinger could be gruff if someone didn't know him, but he was a funny person once he knew someone.

"He had one of the driest senses of humor," Brazzell said. "You had to pay attention to Paul."

Brazzell said Bolinger was tough, but fair, as town marshal.

"He even stopped me when I was a 16-year-old driver, when I was pretty cocky, and he treated me fairly then," Brazzell said. "I didn't get a ticket, but I got a pretty good lecture. … I knew the next time I came through Avilla or was in Avilla, I wouldn't be screwing around."

"He was a good man," Ley said. "He always tried to do what he thought was best for anyone or everyone, and sometimes putting his own family life on the back burner until that was accomplished."

"He could be gruff," Brazzell said, "but underneath that gruffness was a heart of gold."

Lucille Whitman

ANGOLA — Lucille Whitman, 102, of Angola died on Saturday, May 2, 1009, at her home.

She was born Dec. 23, 1906, at Pleasant Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Sharon Cory

AVILLA — Sharon Sue Cory, 42, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and formerly of the Avilla and Albion area, died at 7:25 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2009. Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
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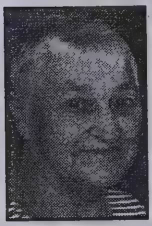
May 3, 2009, Sunday

Janet Gibson

AUBURN — Janet M. Gibson, 71, died Friday, May 1, 2009, at her home in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Gibson was a caregiver for most of her life. She worked for DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 21 years, Kendallville Hospital for three years and Home Health Care Services for five years, retiring in January 2009.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn. She enjoyed spending her winters in Arizona with special friends.


Mrs. Gibson

She was born July 21, 1937, in Decatur to Van and Pearl (Fisk) Miller.

She married Ralph J. Gibson on Oct. 1, 1955. He preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 2008.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Sylvia Gibson of Van Wert, Ohio, Mark and Christine Gibson of Auburn and Glenn and Kim Gibson of Pleasant Lake; one brother and sister-in-law, Norm and Arlene Miller of Convoy, Ohio; one sister and brother-in-law, June and Art Krauss of Hoagland; six grandchildren, Nicholas, Melissa, Rachel, Lynsie, Erica and Isaac Gibson; three stepgrandchildren, Chris, Val and Greg; one great-grandchild, Hayley Gibson; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Chris Gibson.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. and Tuesday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Phillip Carmin

KENDALLVILLE — Phillip Max Carmin, 84, a former Muncie resident, died Thursday, April 30, 2009, in Kendallville.

Mr. Carmin worked at Smittie's Menswear for over 50 years. He was a 50-year member of the Matthews Lodge No. 650 F&AM and attended the Lake Missionary Church and the Heartland Fellowship Church. He was a 1942 graduate of Harrison Township High School.

The son of Kit and Hazel (Kirkpatrick) Carmin, he was born Aug. 13, 1924, in Gaston.

He married Becky McKinley on Feb. 6, 1949, in Eaton. She survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Jill Carmin; one granddaughter, Samantha Carmin; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Pitman-Richman Funeral Home, 200 S. Hartford St., Eaton, with Roland Roth officiating.

Calling will today from be 2-5 p.m. and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow services in Gardens of Memory, Muncie.

Memorials are to the Lake Missionary Church, 9030 W. U.S. Highway 20, Angola, IN 46703, or Heartland Fellowship Church, P.O. Box 48, Orland, IN 46776.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at watersfuneralhomes.com.

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May 3, 2009, Sunday

Paul Olds

UNION CITY, Mich. — Paul H. Olds, 81, of Union City, Mich., passed away Thursday evening, April 30, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Olds

He was born Oct. 4, 1927, in Union City, Mich., to Raymond and Pearl (Platz) Olds.

He graduated from Tekonsha High School in 1945, and attended Eastern Michigan University. He served in the U.S. Army as a rifleman from August 1946 to December 1947, completing a tour of duty in Japan.

He married Donna Voss on April 17, 1951, in Battle Creek, Mich., who preceded him in death in 2004. He retired from the Battle Creek Federal Center in 1988 after 25 years of service. In recent years he spent his winters in Zephyrhills, Fla.

Paul enjoyed recreational activities with his family, was an avid golfer, enjoyed traveling and was interested in all types of aviation. He was a life member and past commander of the Athens VFW Post 5319.

He is survived by his three daughters and sons-in-law, Paulette and Lester Risner, Kathryn and Allen Rice, all of Athens, Mich., and Pamela and Eric Tundevold of Sherwood, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond and Tangi Olds of Athens, Mich., and Jeffery and Tammy Olds of Fremont; 13 grandchildren, Stephanie Densborn, Larry Risner, Matthew Rice, Brent Rice, Alison Baklund, Jason Boes, Nathan Boes, Dustin Neveraski, Brahm Olds, Braxton Ods, Taria Olds, Tyler Olds and Tana Olds; 14 great grandchildren; and one sister, Joan Newton of Tekonsha, Mich.

He was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Christine; one grandson, David Risner; two brothers, Douglas and Donald Olds; and one sister, Beverly Glenn.

Visitation will be today from 4-7 p.m. at Spencer Family Funeral Home, Athens, Mich.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5319, Athens, MI 49011.

Arrangements are by Spencer Family Funeral Home, Athens, Mich.

R.V. Banks

GARRETT — R.V. Banks, 64, of Garrett died Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at his residence.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of God's House of Prayer in Avilla.

He was born March 8, 1945, in Blue Diamond, Ky., to B. and Georgia E. (Brock) Banks.

Surviving are a brother, JC Banks of Auburn, and three sisters, Shirley Hunter of Fort Wayne, Irene Johnson of Jackson, Ky., and Helen Terry of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Alvis, Stanley Gene and Ray Dean Banks; and six sisters, Opal Fugate, Violet Terry, Annabelle Maloney, Lorene Feightner, Nadine Banks and Pauline Banks.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the family to assist with funeral expenses. To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit, thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 3, 2009, Sunday

Jean Vinyard

KENDALLVILLE — Jean Leota Vinyard, 89, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 2, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Vinyard

Mrs. Vinyard was born in Kendallville on March 25, 1920, to the late Roy Ivan and Bernice Leora (Burton) Schlichtenmyer. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1939.

She married Francis Earl Vinyard on Sept. 24, 1949, in Kendallville. He preceded her death on Dec. 21, 2001.

Jean worked at J.C.Penney and Murphy's Dime Store on Main Street in Kendallville. She was also a clerk at Foodtown Supermarket and Maloley's Supermarket in Kendallville for 12 years. Later, she retired from Sears in Kendallville in 1983.

Jean was a life member of the Francis E. Vinyard Post No. 2749 Women's Auxiliary and the American Legion Post No. 86 Women's Auxiliary, both in Kendallville. Last summer she was honored for 68 years of continual leadership service in the VFW Women's Auxiliary. Her other hobbies were cooking, sewing and embroidery.

She loved spending time with her family, visiting with her friends and going out to eat. She enjoyed playing bingo at The Lamplighter and Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Cheri Holcomb of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Michael Holcomb and companion Tonya, both of Kimmell, Telina Shepperd of Jacksonville, Fla., and Juli and Brian Davidson of Lee's Summit, Mo.; six great grandchildren, Nicole, Tiffany, Megan, Matthew, Chase and Max; four great-great grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Nancy Schlichtenmyer of San Diego, Calif., and Donald and Bernice Schlichtenmyer of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Betty LaDow of Kendallville.

She just recently was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Jana M. Smock, who passed away April 25, 2009; and a brother, Robert Schlichtenmyer.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Thomas Novy officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home or to Francis Vinyard VFW Post No. 2749.

Send condolences to the family at the Web site hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 4, 2009, Monday

Ronald Weimer

GARRETT — Ronald E. Weimer, 70, and a lifetime Garrett resident died at 8:27 a.m., Saturday, May 2, 2009, at his home.

He was born Dec. 21, 1938, in Avilla to Howard W. and Margaret S. (Erdly) Weimer and they preceded him in death.

Mr. Weimer

He married Nancy Lou Ely on Aug. 25, 1962, in Garrett and she survives in Garrett.

He was a Garrett High School graduate and a 1961 graduate of Manchester College where he played football and ran track. He later received his Masters degree from St. Francis University.

Ronald was an educator for 36 years before retiring in July 1997. He taught at DeKalb Central Schools for 18 years and Garrett-Keyser-Butler for 18 years. He was a school board member for the past three years with the Garrett-Keyser-Butler Schools.

He was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett and an Order of the Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts and participated in the Wednesday Night Golf League at the Garrett Country Club. After his retirement from teaching, Ronald worked part-time at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Survivors include his wife Nancy Lou (Ely) Weimer of Garrett; and three sons and two daughters-in-law, David W. and Pam Weimer of Fort Wayne, Dr. Dan E. and Barbara Weimer of Garrett and Dean R. Weimer of Garrett. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and two sisters, Betty Hill of Deshler, Ohio, and Sally Porter of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dennis Lee Weimer; and two brothers, Robert Weimer and Roger Weimer.

Visitation will be from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

A service celebrating his years as an educator will begin at 1:30 pm. Thursday, May 7, 2009, at the Garrett High School Performing Arts Center with a traditional funeral service to follow. Officiating will be Pastor Jeffrey Horn of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, with burial to follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Garrett Middle School Athletic Department.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Ardith Paulus

LAGRANGE — Ardith B. Paulus, 78. of LaGrange died Sunday, May 3, 2009, at home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Sharon Cory

MILFORD, Mich. — Sharon Sue Cory, a resident of Milford, Mich., former resident of West Bloomfield, Ind., and an Albion, Ind., native, passed away on May 2, 2009.

She is survived by her loving companion, Mike Esson; mother, Carol (Donald Dyer) Cory of Albion; sisters, Teresa (Deborah Herendeen) Cory of Winamac, Ind., Sandra Cory DeRoin of Friendsword, Texas; brother Steve (fiance, Jill Brady) Cory of Albion; grandmother, Irene Cory; nieces and nephews, Corrie Renee (Shaun) Hauptli, Cala Cory, Ashley, Ryan, Jared; four great-nieces; and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Cory, and grandfather, Ralph "Popo" Cory.

Sharon worked as an office manager with CSX Railroad's Wixom Distribution Center for more than 21 years and was a member of the Grand River Trail D.A.R.

Local services will be held on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville. Pastor Phyllis Smott will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Visitation will also be at the church one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For additonal information, visit www.CFF.org

The Brazzell Funeral Homes are assisting the family with local arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 5, 2009, Tuesday

Vivian Caldwell

ELKHART — Vivian M. Caldwell, 77, of Elkhart died Sunday, May 3, 2009, at Riverside Village in Elkhart.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ardith Paulus

LAGRANGE — Ardith B. Paulus, 78, of LaGrange died Sunday, May 3, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

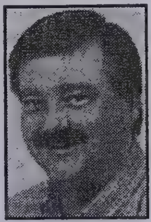
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Paul Yentes

ANGOLA — Paul "Doug" Yentes, 50, died Sunday, May 3, 2009, in Angola.


Mr. Yentes

Mr. Yentes had been employed more than 20 years at Cooper Standard Automotive in Auburn.

He was a member of the Grace Methodist Church in Urbana, Ind.

He was born on Sept. 28, 1958, in Wabash to Paul and Donna (Monce) Yentes. He married Erlene Howard on Sept. 15, 1990, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Melissa Yentes of Columbia City and Hillary Yentes of Angola; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Kathleen and Mike Forbes of Rockford, Ill., LuAnn Yentes of Syracuse and Tami and Eric Overman of Wabash; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Suzie Yentes of Galveston; his mother, Donna Yentes of Urbana, Ind.; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father on Oct. 18, 1993.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home at 108 S. West St., Angola

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Sharon Cory

MILFORD, Mich. — Sharon Sue Cory, a resident of Milford, Mich., former resident of West Bloomfield, Ind., and an Albion, Ind., native, passed away on May 2, 2009.

Mrs. Cory

She is survived by her loving companion, Mike Esson; mother, Carol (Donald Dyer) Cory of Albion; sisters, Teresa (Deborah Herendeen) Cory of Winamac, Ind., Sandra Cory DeRoin of Friendsword, Texas; brother Steve (fiance, Jill Brady) Cory of Albion; grandmother, Irene Cory; nieces and nephews, Corrie Renee (Shaun) Hauptli, Cala Cory, Ashley, Ryan, Jared; four great-nieces; and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Cory, and grandfather, Ralph "Popo" Cory.

Sharon worked as an office manager with CSX Railroad's Wixom Distribution Center for more than 21 years and was a member of the Grand River Trail D.A.R.

Local services will be held on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville. Pastor Phyllis Smott will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Visitation will also be at the church one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For additional information, visit www.CFF.org

The Brazzell Funeral Homes are assisting the family with local arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 5, 2009, Tuesday

James Freed

KENDALLVILLE — James Alvin Freed, age 83, formerly of Kendallville and most recently of Sandusky, Ohio, died on Sunday, May 3, 2009, at the home of his daughter, Carolyn, in Sandusky.

Mr. Freed

Mr. Freed was born in Corunna in DeKalb County, Ind., on February 24, 1926, to Voyd and Dessie (Louthenizer) Freed.

He served his country from 1944-1947 in the United States Army during World War II.

He was a member of American Legion Post 86 of Kendallville.

He married June Hart on December 4, 1944, in Little Rock, Ark. She preceded his death on January 10, 2005.

Mr. Freed was a foreman with No-Sag in Kendallville and he retired from Liggett & Platt in Mason, Ohio, in 1988.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Fox of Sandusky, Ohio, and Vickie (Jimmy) Scott of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Jody Yontz of Sandusky, Angela Spencer of Sandusky and James Scott of Helmer; four great-grandchildren, Christopher, Lauren, Katlyn and Morgan; and a sister, Ada Ruth Schleicher of Los Lunas, New Mexico.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Buddy Freed; and a sister, Carol Jean Freed.

Visitation will be Friday, May 8, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 8, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County near Corunna.

Preferred memorials may be made to Stein Hospice of Sandusky or the Disabled American Veterans.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Anna Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Anna Bontrager, 83, of Sarasota, Fla., and formerly of Shipshewana died Saturday, May 2, 2009, at Sunnyside Village nursing home in Sarasota.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Forks Mennonite Church.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Forks Mennonite Church Missions Fund.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 6, 2009, Wednesday

Robert Geer

FREMONT — Robert Louis Geer, 38, of Warren, Pa., and formerly of Angola and Fremont, Ind., died unexpectedly on Monday, May 4, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Geer

Mr. Geer was born September 23, 1970, in Angola, Indiana, the son of Gerry Geer of Clarendon, Pa., and Diana (Wyatt) Johnson of Cary, N.C. They both survive.

Robert was a 1989 graduate of Angola High School and served in the Marine Corps.

He was employed at I.L. Geer and Sons as an equipment operator. Prior to that he was employed as a police officer in Fremont, Indiana.

Robert was a member of the Warren Elks Lodge, enjoyed bowling, riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, the outdoors and spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents he is survived by a sister, Deborah Glabicki and her husband, David, of Cary, N.C.; a brother, Michael Geer, Fort Wayne; a half brother, Steven Geer, Dallas, Texas; two stepbrothers, Shannon Johnson of Fort Wayne and Shane Johnson of Fremont; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; three nephews, Mitchell Glabicki, Roman Glabicki and Tod Johnson; a niece, Kayla Johnson; his stepfather, Ed Johnson of Fremont; his stepmother, Delores Geer of Clarendon, Pa.; his maternal grandmother, Maxine Wyatt; and his paternal grandfather, I.L. Geer.

He was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, Max Wyatt; and his paternal grandmother, Madolyn Geer.

Visitors may call on the family at Beams Funeral Home, 200 W. Toledo St., Fremont, Ind., on Friday, May 8, from 5-8 p.m.

A service will be held at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont on Saturday, May 9, at 11 a.m. A private family burial service will take place later in Warren, Pa.

To celebrate and remember Rob's life please join the family immediately following the service at the Moose Lodge in Fremont. Weather permitting, Rob would love to know you all saddled up to ride in his honor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Steuben County Humane Society, Angola, Indiana, or an animal charity of your choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Matthew Miller

HUNTERTOWN — Matthew Wayne Miller, 41, of Huntertown, died unexpectedly Saturday, May 2, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with burial in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. Thursday until services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Karen Richards

KENDALLVILLE — Karen Richards, 59, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at her home.

Services will be held Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 6, 2009, Wednesday

Dorothy Chew

ST. JOE — Dorothy M. Ortiz Chew, 73, of St. Joe died Monday, May 4, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born February 6, 1936, in Willshire, Ohio, to Floyd and Carmen (Morales) Ortiz. Her parents have both passed away.

Mrs. Chew

Dorothy worked for over 30 years for Sechler's Pickles and then for over 10 years at Kray's Apple Orchard. She then worked part time at the Log Cabin in Auburn.

She married Robert R, Chew on September 19, 1959, in Hicksville, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ramon and Nina Chew of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rachael Chew of Spencerville, Renee and Bob Isham of Garrett and Rita and Kirk Jones of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, Erik Chew, Kristin Chew, Misty Heyman, Stephanie Hildebrandt, Todd Heyman, Spc. Casey Chew, Cody Hildebrandt, Nikalas Isham, Chase Foster and Sydnee Isham; two stepgrandchildren, Christopher Jones and Colin Jones; six great-grandchildren; a brother, John Ortiz of Fort Wayne; and six sisters, Mary Razo of Decatur, Gloria Jasso of Antwerp, Ohio, Margaret Nieto of Rockdale, Texas, Hope Castillo of Hickville, Ohio, Juanita Gonzales of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Carmin Garcia of Hicksville, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Gilbert Ortiz, and four sisters, Christina Contrez, Rosie Fuentes, Josephine Navaro and Arbella Sanchez.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 8, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandez will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn. A rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Hicksville Relay for Life.

DeWayne Lepley

ASHLEY — DeWayne S "Deke" Lepley, 88, of Ashley died Monday, May 4, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Lepley was a mechanic for G.C. Lepley Sales in Ashley for 40 years before retiring in 1980.

He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in World War II.

Mr. Lepley was a longtime member of the Ashley Volunteer Fire Department and he was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church.

He was born June 26, 1920, in Hudson to Guy C. and Gladys (Spangler) Lepley. He married Helen D. Sharpe on Oct. 21, 1945, in Bryan, Ohio. She died March 11, 2005.

Surviving are a son, Richard D. Lepley of Ashley; three daughters, Elizabeth Farver of Butler, Pam Kolczynski of Ashley and Alice Lepley of Ashley; three brothers and three sisters-in-law, Bud G. Lepley of Ashley, Richard J. and Mary Lepley of Ashley, Jim Lepley of Ashley, Delora Lepley of Ashley and Violet Lepley of Hudson; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Wanita and Chuck Tagtmeyer of Fremont, Joyce Meyers of Rocky River, Ohio, Karen and Gilbert Dilley of Auburn and Sharon and Jim Miller of Hudson; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two grandsons, David Martin and Jason Lepley; and three brothers, Udell Lepley, Winford Lepley and Ted Lepley.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Pastor Don Wadkins will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling will be three hours prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ashley United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 6, 2009, Wednesday

Raymond Christman Jr.

KIMMELL — Raymond B. "Raymie" Christman Jr., 49, of Kimmell died Monday, May 4, 2009, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Private services will be held at a later date.

No calling is planned.

Kline Funeral Home in Millersburg is in charge of arrangements.

David Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — David Campbell, 41, of Sautee, Ga., and formerly of Waterloo died Monday, May 4, 2009, in Sautee.

Local services will be held at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

John Biddle

ADRIAN, Ga. — John Elmer Biddle, 76, of Adrian, Ga,, and formerly of Rome City died July 17, 2008, in Georgia.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R, 9 North, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Jack Thomas of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Minnie Griffey

WABASH — Minnie Wicker Griffey, 73, of Wabash and formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday, May 5, 2009, in Wabash.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 6, 2009 Wednesday

Frederick William Rockey, 66

COLUMBIA CITY – Frederick William Rockey, 66, of Ormas, died peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family, Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 12:55 a.m. He had been battling cancer.

He was born January 3, 1943 at Luckey Hospital, Wolf Lake, Indiana a son of Frederick J. and Bertha (Campbell) Rockey. His formative years were spent in Fort Wayne where he attended Anthony Wayne School and Elmhurst High School. He received his GED in 1964.

On October 5, 1961 he joined the U.S. Navy. He served on the USS Tidewater and received his honorable discharge on August 23, 1963.

On February 14, 1964 he was united in marriage to Janice P. Murphy. They made their home in Fort Wayne. For the past 40 years, they lived in Ormas.

He was employed by International Harvester, Fort Wayne for 18 years and then as a mechanical engineer for Group Dekko, North Webster for 20 years retiring in 2005. He was an accomplished mechanic and craftsman.

He was a member of Salem Community Missionary Church, Larwill; ARC of Noble County; National Arbor Foundation and a long time member of the NRA.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 45 years, Janice; his mother, Bertha Rockey; a daughter, Dawn (Julio) Acosta, Columbia City; four sons, Shannon (Elizabeth) Rockey, Albion, Jeramie (Gina) Rockey, Ormas, Frederick G. Rockey, Kendallville, Heath (Georgia) Rockey, Cromwell; two sisters, Donna (Carl "Gene") Fahlsing, Fort Wayne and Jane (Robert) Rock, Butler, PA: two brothers, David (Ellen) Rockey, Albion and Michael (Paula) Meyers, Leo; fifteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The funeral service washeld at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial was in the Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to ARC of Noble County or American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Sharon Sue Cory

MILFORD MICHIGAN - Sharon Sue Cory, a resident of Milford Michigan, former resident of West Bloomfield and an Albion native, passed away on May 2nd, 2009.

She is survived by her loving companion, Mike Esson; mother Carol (Donald Dyer) Cory of Albion; sisters, Teresa (Deborah Herendeen) Cory of Winamac, IN, Sandra Cory DeRoin of Friendsword TX; brother Steve (fiance, Jill Brady) Cory of Albion; grandmother, Irene Cory; nieces and nephews Corrie Renee (Shaun) Hauptli, Cala Cory, Ashley, Ryan, Jared, four great nieces and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Cory and grandfather, Ralph "Popo" Cory.

Sharon worked as an office manager with CSX Railroad's Wixom Distribution Center for over twenty-one years and was a member of the Grand River Trail D.A.R.

Local service was held on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. at the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville. Pastor Phyllis Smott officiated.

Burial followed at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For additonal information visit www.CFF.org

The Brazzell Funeral Homes assisted the family with local arrangements. www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 6, 2009 Wednesday

Edna E. Goodyear, 91

Edna E. Goodyear, 91, a former resident of the Churubusco-area and widow of Leston E. Goodyear, died at 8:50 a. m. on Thursday, April 30, 2009, at The Cedars in Leo. She had resided at the nursing home for the past six years.

Mrs. Goodyear was born on February 22, 1918 in Fulton County, a daughter of Charles E. and Ada (Swartzlander) Wood, and spent her formative years there. On April 9, 1939 she was married to Leston E. Goodyear in Fulton County, and lived there until moving to Whitley County in 1947, and later to the family farm in Green Township in 1951.

Mr. Goodyear preceded her in death on May 18, 1984. She moved into Churubusco in 1988 and lived there until entering the nursing home.

A homemaker, she was a longtime member of the Sugar Grove Church of God, north of Churubusco; and had been active in the former Green Township Home Economics Club for many years.

The surviving relatives include her son Roger (Gert) Goodyear of Churubusco; her daughter Phyllis (Bill) Doell of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren Chad (Angie) Goodyear of Churubusco and Leandrea Winchester of Tampa, Fla; three stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers and by two sisters.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Timothy Grable, pastor of Sugar Grove Church of God, officiating.

Interment was in the Blue River Cemetery, Thorncreek Township.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 East 500 South-57, Churubusco, IN 46723

To leave an online condolence for the family, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Raymond "Raymie" B. Christman, Jr.

KIMMELL, IN - Raymond "Raymie" B. Christman, Jr. of Kimmell, IN died Monday, May 4, 2009, at his residence after a lengthy illness. He was born November 4, 1958, to Raymond B. Christman, Sr. and Sarah Christman in Wabash County, Indiana. He was known as an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting and iron working. He enjoyed caring for the land, and as a nature lover, he enjoyed cutting down trees. He was a man with great survival instincts. When he set out to accomplish something he was able to see it through. He will be remembered as a man with a big heart that truly cared for his friends. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Christman, Jr. was a union ironworker. He belonged to Union Ironworker Local 147 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He came to the area some thirty-six years ago from Somerset, Indiana. He was a Christian man who worshipped with The Church of The Nazarene in Ligonier.

On April 26, 2002, he married Tonya J. Woten. She survives in Kimmell. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Ireland of Wabash, Indiana. He is survived by one son, Justin (Kimmy) Halferty of Syracuse, Indiana. Also surviving are three daughters, Katie Christman, Amy (Ronny) Howard, both of Topeka, Indiana and Holly Wooten of Ligonier. Twelve grandchildren also survive.

Private residential services are planned at a later date, with John Lutton, of the Ligonier Church of The Nazarene, officiating. No public visitation is scheduled. Kline Funeral Service in Millersburg, Indiana is handling the arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 6, 2009 Wednesday

Jean Leota Vinyard, 89

KENDALLVILLE – Jean Leota Vinyard, age 89, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Vinyard was born in Kendallville on March 25, 1920 to the late Roy Ivan and Bernice Leora (Burton) Schlichtenmyer and she graduated from Kendallville High School in 1939.

She married Francis Earl Vinyard on September 24, 1949 in Kendallville. He preceded her death December 21, 2001.

Jean worked at J.C.Penney and Murphy's Dime Store on Main Street in Kendallville. She was also a clerk at Foodtown Supermarket and Maloley's Supermarket in Kendallville for 12 years. Later, she retired from Sears in Kendallville in 1983.

Jean was a life member of the Francis E. Vinyard Post #2749 Women's Auxilary and the American Legion Post #86 Women's Auxillary both in Kendallville.

Last summer she was honored for 68 years of continual leadership service in the V.F.W. Women's Auxillary.

Her other hobbies were cooking, sewing and embroidery. She loved spending time with her family, visiting with her friends and going out to eat.

She enjoyed playing bingo at The Lamplighter and Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Survivors are son, Gene (Cheri) Holcomb of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Michael Holcomb and companion, Tonya, both of Kimmell, Telina Shepperd of Jacksonville, Florida and Juli (Brian) Davidson of Lee's Summit, Missouri; six great-grandchildren, Nicole, Tiffany, Megan, Matthew, Chase, and Max; four great-great-grandchildren; her brothers, Ronald (Nancy) Schlichtenmyer of San Diego, California, Donald (Bernice) Schlichtenmyer of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Betty LaDow of Kendallville.

She was also just recently preceded in death by her granddaughter, Jana M. Smock, who passed away just last week on April 25, 2009; and a brother, Robert Schlichtenmyer

Funeral Services were Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Thomas Novy.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home or to Francis Vinyard VFW Post #2749.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Don C. Grueter, 77

WATERLOO — Don C. Greuter, 77, of Waterloo died Wednesday April 29, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Greuter was a truck driver for Vulcraft for 18 years. He then drove part time for Evans Trucking in Butler.

He was born Sept. 19, 1931, in Defiance, Ohio, to Elmer and Pearl (Closson) Greuter.

He married Nora "June" Carroll on Aug. 29, 1969, in Pleasant Lake. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are five daughters, Jackie Williams of Warsaw, Brenda Naish of Warsaw, Judy Watson of St. Joe, Nina Bennet of Waterloo and Cathy Greuter of Avilla; one brother, Delmer Greuter of Butler; four sisters, Margie Claar of Union City, Mich., Jan Harding of New Haven, Joyce Stonebraker of Fort Wayne and Ellie Fike of Corunna; eleven grandchildren; and nine step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a step-daughter, Virginia Brake; three brothers, Jennings Greuter, Melvin Greuter and John Greuter; and a sister, Dorothy Elser.

A graveside service was held Monday at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with Larry Williams officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 7, 2009, Thursday

Man dies from accident injuries

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT WAYNE — A Cromwell man injured in an Allen County traffic crash two weeks ago has died.

Frank Iddings died Wednesday morning at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries suffered in a traffic crash two weeks ago in rural Allen County.

Employed by National Serv-All in Fort Wayne, Iddings was an assistant coach for West Noble sports teams at both the high school and middle school, and much of his coaching time was given as a volunteer.

He is survived by his wife, Joan, and three children, Brandy, Megan and Derek. Funeral services are pending through

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INJURIES: *Man had been hospitalized since April 23 crash*

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Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Iddings was remembered by friends as a great coach, friend, husband and father. "He was a great role model for the kids. They looked up to him," said Tom Marsh, a fellow West Noble coach and friend of Iddings. "Frank was the kind of guy that if you ever needed anything, or needed help, he was there, no matter what."

The accident that took his life happened on April 23. Iddings' Chevrolet Tahoe truck was struck by an SUV driver who allegedly ran a stop sign on Franke Road in rural Allen County, at about 9 a.m.

He suffered a broken back, crushed ribs and other injuries in the crash. Doctors had to remove his spleen, and part of one of his legs had to be amputated.

He had been listed in critical condition at Parkview Hospital for the past two weeks and had undergone several surgeries.

Karen Richards

KENDALLVILLE — Karen Sue Richards, age 59, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Richards

Mrs. Richards was born in Kendallville on August 18, 1949, to Max and Mary Ellen (Gage) Alexander.

Her class was the first to graduate from East Noble High School in 1967.

She married Paul Arthur Richards on August 9, 1969, in Kendallville at the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

For the last five years, Karen worked at Early Adventures Day Care Center in Kendallville.

Prior to that, she was employed for 12 years at Tri-State Veterinary Clinic, also in Kendallville.

Karen loved spending time with her grandkids and dogs and she enjoyed making silk flower arrangements.

Survivors include her mother, Mary Alexander of Kendallville; her husband of 39 years, Paul Richards of Kendallville; a daughter, Tracey and Bill Zimmerman of Hudson; her grandchildren, Stephanie, Gus, Katie and Kourtney; and two sisters, Robin and Peter Shultz of Alabama and Wendy and Jeff Martin of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by father, Max Alexander in January 2008.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, May 7, 2009, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 8, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Tim Terrell.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Humane Society.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 7, 2009, Thursday

Raymond Christman Jr.

KIMMELL — Raymond B. "Raymie" Christman Jr., 50, of Kimmell died Monday, May 4, 2009, at his residence after a lengthy illness.

He was born November 4, 1958, to Raymond B. Christman Sr. and Sarah Christman in Wabash County, Indiana.

Mr. Christman Jr.

He was known as an outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting and iron working. He enjoyed caring for the land, and as a nature lover, he enjoyed cutting down trees.

He was a man with great survival instincts. When he set out to accomplish something he was able to see it through.

He will be remembered as a man with a big heart that truly cared for his friends. He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Christman was an ironworker. He belonged to Union Ironworker Local 147 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He came to the area 36 years ago from Somerset, Indiana. He was a Christian man who worshipped with The Church of The Nazarene in Ligonier, Indiana.

On April 26, 2002, he married Tonya J. Woten. She survives in Kimmell. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Ireland of Wabash, Indiana.

He is survived by one son, Justin (Kimmy) Halferty of Syracuse, Indiana. Also surviving are three daughters, Katie Christman of Topeka, Amy (Ronny) Howard of Topeka and Holly Wooten of Ligonier. Twelve grandchildren also survive.

Private residential services are planned at a later date, with John Lutton of the Ligonier Church of The Nazarene officiating.

No public visitation is scheduled.

Kline Funeral Service, 110 W. Washington St., Millersburg, Indiana, is handling arrangements.

Roger Laub

FORT WAYNE — Roger B. Laub, 84, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Butler died Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at the Town House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Spencer Township in DeKalb County on July 1, 1924, to Claude and Grace (Blaker) Laub. They have both passed away.

Mr. Laub managed the Mobil Oil Company bulk plant from 1953 to 1977 and was president of Laub Auto Parts stores from 1973 to 1987.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, Forrest Lodge Butler No. 239, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne and Naples Florida Shrine Clubs, Butler American Legion Post No. 202 and the Butler Eagles.

He was an active member of the Butler Chamber of Commerce and past president and member of the Butler Rotary Club, past president and member of DeKalb Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, and past president and member of the former Greenhurst Country Club.

He married Dorothy Miser on December 8, 1945, in Waterloo and she survives in Fort Wayne.

He is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathryn and Gerald McNerney of Hamilton and Karen and David Lyons of Euless, Texas; four grandchildren, Jerry McNerney, Erin Whiting, Kristin Potter and Meghan Lyons; six great-grandchildren, Madison Whiting, Evan Whiting, Hannah Whiting, Joey McNerney, Jack McNerney and Kaitlyn Potter; a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Marilyn Laub of St. Joe; and a brother-in-law, Edward Ginn of Franklin, Ind.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Fred, Leroy and Loren Laub, and a sister, Lanore Ginn.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn. The Rev. Douglas Vogel will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials can be directed to Eastside Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 395, Butler, IN 46721 or Shriner's Children's Hospital.

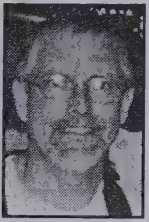
THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 7, 2009, Thursday

James Neuman

AUBURN — James David Neuman, 47, of Auburn died Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at Wesley Health Care.

He was born July 15, 1961, in Auburn, the son of James F. and Sally A. Neuman of Auburn.

He was a journeyman electrician at Eaton, a member of UAW 164, Emergency Response Team and an electrician committemen.


Mr. Neuman

He had his private pilots license and was an avid outdoorsman with a passion for hunting and fishing.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a daughter, Jenna L. Neuman of Fort Wayne; and sisters, Karen (Dennis) Miller of Angola and Denise (Greg Kever) Kleeman of Auburn.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Saturday, with calling one hour prior to the service at Pinnington-McComb Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Robert Bell will officiate.

Calling will also be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to UAW Local 164 Scholarship Fund.

Ethel Gans

WOLF LAKE — Ethel Gans, 85, of Wolf Lake died Monday, May 4, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Gans had been a supervisor at Essex in Ligonier and Topeka and retired from there in 1985 with 35 years of service.

Mrs. Gans

She completed her education in Wheelwright, Ky.

Mrs. Gans was a member of Light House Tabernacle Church.

She was born March 25, 1924, in Hi Hat, Ky., to Bert and Lillie Mae (Orsburn) Stanley. She married Thomas David Reed on May 17, 1943. He preceded her in death. She then married Irvin E. Gans on May 17. 1958. He died Jan. 11, 1993.

Surviving are a son, Thomas L. (Phyllis) Reed of Columbia City; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Rhonda Faye Reed; three sisters, Elsie Newsom, Carmel Jean Mitchell and Jewell Hamilton; and a brother, Ishmal Caudill.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Dan Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences are to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Geneva Kimmell

FORT WAYNE — Geneva C. Kimmell, 93, of Fort Wayne, a former elementary school teacher in Kendallville, died Wednesday, May 6, 2009, in the Towne House, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Louise Beckley

ALBION — Louise “Bee” K. Beckley, 95, a lifetime Albion resident, died Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 9:13 a.m. at the Parkview Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service on Friday at the church. Services will be on Friday at noon at Albion Wesleyan Church with Pastor David Sheffield officiating. Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Calling will be two hours before the service at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society.

Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion, is in charge of arrangements.

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Wayne Eckert

HELMER — Wayne H. Eckert, 89, of Helmer died Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Eckert had resided in Helmer most of his life.

He had been a farmer and had worked for the Farm Bureau in Helmer for 20 years.

Mr. Eckert was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church and had served as president of the Helmer District Sewer System.

Mr. Eckert had been a member of the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department since 1956 and had served as fire chief for 12 years.

He was born March 5, 1920, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to Granville and Charlotte Elizabeth "Beth" (Bonbrake) Eckert. He married Anna Rose Butler on Feb. 15, 1943, in Hudson. She died April 25, 2008.

Surviving are two sons, Jerry W. Eckert of Houston, Texas, and Ned C. Eckert of Indianapolis; a brother, Eugene Eckert of Waterloo; two grandchildren, Mandi Marklin and Lian Aragon; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Louis Eckert and Owen Eckert, and a sister, Mary Clingan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson. Pastor Steven Eckert and Pastor Bill Lepley will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna with military graveside services by Orland American Legion Post 423.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with an IVFA memorial service at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the Helmer Volunteer Fire Department or the Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Kenneth McClain

MIDDLEBURY — Kenneth D. McClain, 77, of White Pigeon, Mich., died Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m Friday at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren in Middlebury. Burial will be in Mottville Cemetery in Mottville, Mich.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Commission on Aging of St. Joseph County or the Sturgis Home Health Care.

Duke Miller

ANGOLA — Duke "Norman" Miller, 74, of Angola died Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Julia Kelley

LAGRANGE — Julia A. Kelley, 89, of LaGrange died Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Kelley was a beautician in Kendallville in her early years and a homemaker.

She had previously resided in Angola and moved to LaGrange in 2002.

She was a former member of the Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Mrs. Kelley

She was born Oct. 14, 1919, in LaGrange County to George and Gladys (Gordon) Dallas. She married Elden J. Kelley on Dec. 20, 1956, in Angola. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother, Iris "Ike" Dallas of Wolcottville; a niece, Elaine Lambright of LaGrange; a great-niece, Heather Neiman of Rome City; three great-nephews, Patrick Gonser of Wolcottville, Brandon and Audra Lambright of LaGrange and Koledon Lambright of LaGrange; and three great-great-nieces, Caitlyn and Cristyn Gonser and Abigail Lambright, all of LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. David Wilson of North Scott Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from one hour prior to the service Saturday.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging's Transportation Fund.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Minnie Griffey

KENDALLVILLE — Minnie Wicker Griffey, 73, of Wabash and formerly of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 2:59 p.m. in her residence in Wabash.

Mrs. Griffey had worked as a nurses' aide for 12 years at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Griffey

She was born March 25, 1936, in Wheelwright, Ky., to Gradis and Edda (Berry) Yates. On Oct. 9, 1953, she married Frank Wicker. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1988. She then married Moses Griffey on Sept. 9, 1989. He survives in Wabash.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lena and Tim Huelsenbeck of Avilla and Pam and Tim Nance of Laketon; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ken Wicker of Sarasota, Fla., Rick Wicker of Wabash and James and Tammy Griffey of North Manchester; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Peggy Wicker of Kendallville; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Morris and Mary Wicker of Wolcottville and Jerry and Carolyn Wicker of Mousie, Ky.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Wicker in 1965; a son, Dennis Wicker in 1980; three sisters, Sandra Bley, Linda Wicker and Gwenna Gibson; and three brothers, Donald Yates, Lucious Gibson and Ed Gibson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon. Officiating will be Junior Adkins, Russell Hicks and Estel Hamilton. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

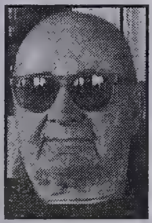
Calling will be after 10 a.m today at the church, with an evening service at 6 p.m.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Bernard Clouse

ALBION — Bernard E. "Benny" Clouse, age 85, of Albion died Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 8:24 p.m. at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.


Mr. Clouse

Born on April 5, 1924, in Noble County, he was the son of John and Iva Mae nee Coats Clouse, both deceased.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident, and enjoyed many outdoor activities like camping and fishing. He loved to tinker in his garage and going to antique and garage sales. He loved his dog, Shorty.

On April 21, 1951, he married Marceil "Ceil" Leitch in Rome City. She survives in Albion.

Benny worked at American Tractor in Churubusco, American Hoist in Albion for 23 years and most recently was a custodian at Tokheim in Albion for 2 years. He was a United States Navy veteran serving during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Ceil Clouse; two sons, Lenny "Butch" and wife Cheryl of Wolcottville, and Leslie Clouse and his girlfriend Sharon Schlabach of Upper Long Lake; his grandchildren, Shawn Clouse, Erin Clouse, Chrissy Bruce, Eric Bruce, Ronald (Irena) Millington, Kody Hunt and Heidi Hunt; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Edith Romine of Churubusco and Marty (Carroll) Leitch of Smalley Lake.

Funeral services for Mr. Clouse will be Saturday at noon at Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trail Ridge Rd., Albion. Pastor David Sheffield will be officiating.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday before the service.

Cremation will follow.

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Louise Beckley

ALBION — Louise K. "Bee" Beckley, 95, a lifetime Albion resident, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 9:13 a.m. at the Parkview Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City where she had been a patient since Saturday morning. Mrs. Beckley had been in declining health for the last three months.

Bee was born on December 4, 1913, in Albion to William and Grace (Bidwell) Kelleborough.

She married Robert E. Beckley. He passed away in December of 1991 after many years of marriage.

Bee loved flowers, gardening and cooking. She was a cook for several years for the Noble County Jail and also at the Country Club in Rome City.

She was a charter member of the Noble County Historical Society and the Martha's Circle at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Bee is survived by two sons and their wives, Kenneth and Carol Beckley of Albion and Robert "Bob" and Terrie Beckley of Albion; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Josephine Jahn of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; a son, Charles Beckley, who passed away in 1957; a brother; and four sisters.

Funeral services for Mrs. Beckley will be today, Friday, May 8, 2009, at noon at the Albion Wesleyan Church. Pastor David Sheffield will officiate. Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Visitation will be two hours prior to services today at the church.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Noble County Historical Society.

Visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com to sign a guest book or send private condolences.

Lydiann Beechy

TOPEKA — Lydiann D. Beechy, 82, of Topeka died Thursday, May 7, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family home, 4135 W. C.R. 300S. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be all day today at the family home.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome com.

Dolores Steinbacher

ALBION — Dolores K. "Dolly" Steinbacher, 92, of Garrett died at 7:15 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2009, in Garrett.

Mrs. Steinbacher had lived in Noble County for 26 years prior to moving to Garrett.

She had worked for Montgomery Ward doing marking and checking for 15 years, retiring in 1980.

Mrs. Steinbacher was a member of the Garrett Nazarene Church.

She was born Feb. 15, 1917, in Cortland, Ohio, to John and Bessie (Boekeloo) Lakey. She married Charles L. Steinbacher on June 12, 1935, in Fort Wayne. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son, Robert Charles Steinbacher of Sebastian, Fla.; three daughters, Dolores and Gerald Hedges of Fort Wayne, Sharon and James Miller of Fort Wayne and Barbara and James Fahling of Georgia; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home, with Dr. William Moore officiating. Burial will be in Thorne Cemetery near Wolf Lake.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Church of God on Tillman Road.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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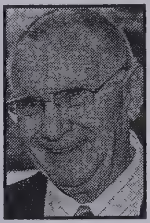
Roger Laub

FORT WAYNE — Roger B. Laub, 84, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Butler died Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at the Town House Health Center in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Laub

He was born in Spencer Township in DeKalb County on July 1, 1924, to Claude and Grace (Blaker) Laub. They have both passed away.

Mr. Laub managed the Mobil Oil Company bulk plant from 1953 to 1977 and was president of Laub Auto Parts stores from 1973 to 1987.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, Forrest Lodge Butler No. 239, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne and Naples Florida Shrine Clubs, Butler American Legion Post No. 202 and the Butler Eagles.

He was an active member of the Butler Chamber of Commerce and past president and member of the Butler Rotary Club, past president and member of DeKalb Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, and past president and member of the former Greenhurst Country Club.

He married Dorothy Miser on December 8, 1945, in Waterloo and she survives in Fort Wayne.

He is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathryn and Gerald McNerney of Hamilton and Karen and David Lyons of Euless, Texas; four grandchildren, Jerry McNerney, Erin Whiting, Kristin Potter and Meghan Lyons; six great-grandchildren, Madison Whiting, Evan Whiting, Hannah Whiting, Joey McNerney, Jack McNerney and Kaitlyn Potter; a brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Marilyn Laub of St. Joe; and a brother-in-law, Edward Ginn of Franklin, Ind.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Fred, Leroy and Loren Laub, and a sister, Lanore Ginn.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn. The Rev. Douglas Vogel will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials can be directed to Eastside Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 395, Butler, IN 46721 or Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Eva Weimer

RUSSELLVILLE, Ala. — Eva Bragwell Weimer, 99, of Russellville passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at Russellville Health Care.

Mrs. Weimer had previously resided at Skinner Lake.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Weimer and his wife, Shirley, of Albion; grandchildren, Troy Weimer and his wife, Casey, of Kendallville and Tasha Weimer of Albion; great-grandchildren, Whitney and Paige Weimer of Kendallville; several nieces and nephews; and a brother, O'Neal Bragwell of Tuscumbia, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Weimer; her parents, Ell and Pearl Bragwell; and two sisters, Maxine King and Willodean Borum.

Private graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sweet Cemetery near Albion with the Rev. Gerald Ringenberg officiating.

Pinkard Funeral Home in Russellville, Ala., is in charge of arrangements.

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Former Kendallville business owner Norman 'Duke' Miller dies at age 74

ANGOLA — Norman K. "Duke" Miller, 74, of Angola and formerly of Sylvan Lake, Rome City, died Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 4:35 p.m. in his residence.

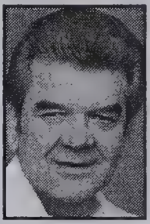
He attended Concordia Military School in Fort Wayne through his junior year. His family moved to Kendallville, and he graduated in 1952 from Kendallville High School. After high school, Mr. Miller began his career working at International Harvester in Fort Wayne. In 1955, the Miller family built a show room and garage on U.S. 6, and named the business Miller Motors. Mr. Miller and his family owned and operated Miller's Restaurant, CMW Transport in Kendallville and Miller Motel.

Duke retired in 1990.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1956 to 1958.

He had resided in Angola since 2003.

He enjoyed playing cards and games with his grandchildren. He was a very good vocalist, and loved the lake and boating.


Mr. Miller

He was born June 5, 1934, in Fort Wayne to Harold H. and Laura (Pettit) Miller. He was married March 12, 1988, in Las Vegas to Debra L. Moore.

Surviving are his wife, Debra L. (Moore) Miller of Angola; a stepdaughter and her husband, Tami and Jim Aaron of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Roxanne and Steve May of Louden, Tennessee; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Greg and Deb Miller of Kendallville; Terry Miller of Rome City; Danny and Patty Miller of Phoenix, Arizona; and James Miller of Ligonier; his grandchildren, including Tyler Miller, Nicholas Miller, Dustin Abbs, Kelcie Miller, Holly Miller, April May, Jewel May, Kenna Aaron and Kalli Aaron; a brother, David Miller of Rome City; and a special nephew, Kim Miller of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harold Miller and Jean Miller; and a sister, Gloria Miller.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 9, 2009, at 6 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Pastor Bill Hambright of the Salem Center United Methodist Church officiating. Military services will be provided by Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Visitation will be today, Friday, May 8, 2009, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Frank Iddings Jr.

Mr. Iddings

CROMWELL — On Wednesday, May 6, 2009, Frank Iddings Jr. entered Heaven to be with his Lord for eternity.

He was born April 19, 1969, to Franklin G. Sr. and Patricia (Keister) Iddings at the Naval Air Station in Albany, Georgia.

On June 30, 1990, he married Joan Senter who survives in Cromwell along with their children Mandi Lee, Megan Joan, and Derek Eddie, all at home. Other survivors include his brothers, Charley of Albion, Bryan (Dorothy) of LaOtto and Leonard (Ginger) of Idaho, and a sister Betty (Scott) Gamble of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, along with several aunts and uncles.

Frank graduated from Central Noble in 1987. During his school years, he was active in boxing, football, wrestling and bull riding.

From 1993-2005 he was a stock car driver at New Paris Speedway. He began his coaching career early in 2000 while coaching his children at T-ball. Most recently he was extremely involved with middle and high school football and wrestling. He loved "his kids" and seeing them not always win, but grow and learn. But his greatest accomplishment was in June of 2006 when he gave his life to the Lord. Frank was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier, where he was a trustee. He often said his biggest regret in life was that he didn't come to know the Lord sooner.

A funeral service will be held Sunday, May 10, at 1 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, 709 Johnson Street in Ligonier.

Viewing will be Saturday, May 9, from noon to 3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the funeral service. Pastor Jimmy Shepherd will officiate. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

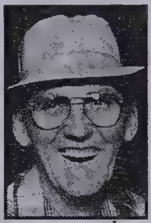
Pallbearers will be Tom Marsh, Robbie Morgan, Wes Weimer, Jared Knipper, Tony Swank, Joey Jacobs, Gene Teel, Nick Beckam and Derek Iddings.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benefit Fund for Frank Iddings, P.O. Box 10, Topeka, IN 46571.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Henry Fore


Mr. Fore

SPENCERVILLE — Henry Fore, 83, of rural Spencerville died Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Fore had retired as a maintenance man at Shellor-Globe in Grabill, Ind.

He was born March 31, 1926, in Wilton, Ky., to John and Hazel (Buckingham) Fore. He married Mary Points on Oct. 18, 1947, in California, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Nita Fore of Wilmington, N.C., Wayne and Elaine Fore of Fremont and Sunny and Laura Fore of Naples, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and David Oneal of Butler and Debbie and Marion Saturday of Grabill; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, J.D. and Eileen Fore of Corbin, Ky.; and a sister, Lucille Pencer of Middleton, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; two sisters; and two sons, James Fore and Billy Fore.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society.

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David Campbell

SAUTEE, Ga. — David Harold Campbell, 41, of Sautee and formerly of Waterloo, Ind., died Monday, May 4, 2009, at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, Ga.

Mr. Campbell

Mr. Campbell was a published poet.

He was born in Auburn, Ind., on Jan. 3, 1968, to Richard Gale Campbell and Linda Lou (Smith) Hamman. His father preceded his death in 1989 and his mother survives in Montpelier, Ohio.

He married Jody Spohn on May 2, 2007, in Ellijay, Ga. She survives in Sautee.

Also surviving are two daughters, Heather Lynn Campbell of Florida and Jaden Lynn Campbell of Sautee; two sons, Justin David Campbell of Fort Wayne and Lucas David Campbell of Sautee; two sisters, Debra and Duane McCoy of Waterloo and Cynthia and Duane Rowe of Pretty Lake; three brothers, Richard Jr. and Cheri Campbell of Bloomington, Daniel and Trisha Campbell of Butler and Joe and Letisha Campbell of Rome City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Mable (Bowman) Campbell in 1990 and Virgil Harold Campbell in 1970, and his maternal grandparents, Lillian (Beckwith) Smith in 2004 and Bill Smith in 1998.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brimfield Revival Center with Pastor Quint Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at Brimfield Revival Center in Brimfield.

Burial will be at Circle Cemetery in Hudson, Indiana. Pallbearers will be his brothers, Richard, Daniel, and Joseph Campbell, Jeffery Suttle Jr., Adam Zimmerman, Duane Rowe, Duane McCoy and Lee Collins.

Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Stephen Wildermuth

ANGOLA — Stephen Wolcott Wildermuth, 66, of Angola and formerly of Auburn died Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Wildermuth was a lifetime banker for more than 30 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran with a rank of Lieutenant JG, serving time in Iwakuni, Japan.

He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, American Legion, and the Auburn Lions Club.

He also loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University.

He was born Jan. 30, 1943, in Auburn to Jean M. and Carrie "Jeanne" (Felton) Wildermuth.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Stacey J. and Matthew Thomas of Carmel and Deborah J. and Chip Nance of Auburn; two sons, Wade K. Wildermuth of Hamilton, and Ryan R. Wildermuth of Hamilton; one brother and sister-in-law, James and Carole Wildermuth of Goshen; and eight grandchildren, Kelsie A. Thomas, Kaitlyn A. Thomas, Trenton S. Thomas, Payton N. Wildermuth, Alison Lesch, Megan Lesch, Emilee Lesch and Kyle Lesch.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black and Chaplain Tom Novey officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Joseph Institute of the Deaf.

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Geneva Kimmell

FORT WAYNE — Geneva Christenia Kimmell, 93, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 4:45 p.m. in The Towne House, Fort Wayne.

Miss Kimmell

Miss Kimmell was a graduate of Ball State University. She was a teacher for 40 years, retiring in 1978. She taught second grade in Kendallville from February 1943 to May 1978, with most of this being at North Side School.

She had moved to Kendallville in February 1943, from Alexandria. In August 1998, she moved to The Towne House in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville, where she was a member of the Church Circle. She was also a member and past president of Tri Kappa, Business and Professional Women's Club, Noble County Retired Teachers Association, Indiana Retired Teachers Association, National Retired Teachers Association, DAR, and a life member of National Educators Association.

She was born August 7, 1915, in Wolf Lake to Henry I. and Maude M. (Thomas) Kimmell.

Surviving is a great-nephew, Col. Scott D. Kimmell of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Retta Geiger in 1996; a brother, Thomas H. Kimmell in 1984; a nephew, David Kimmell in 1982; and her beloved dog, Mitzi, in 2008.

Funeral services will be Monday, May 11, 2009, at 11 a.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Rev. Stan Kessler of the First Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

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George Ludington

ANGOLA — George W. Ludington, 97, of Angola died Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Ludington had worked for American Pre-Cast Concrete in Indianapolis.

He was born Jan. 31, 1912, in Richmond to William and Bertha (Bryan) Ludington. He married Rosemary Bradfield on Dec. 21, 1935, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 23, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ed and Jane Ludington of Angola and Bill Ludington of Sacramento, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Gloria Ludington.

A memorial service was held at Cameron Woods in Angola.

Memorials are to the Faith Community Health Clinic, P.O. Box 972, Angola, IN 46703.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

Chris Madden

AUBURN — Chris Madden, 82, of Auburn died Friday, May 8, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ or Auburn Church of Christ.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Rozella Alwood

AUBURN — Rozella M. Alwood, 90, of Auburn died Friday, May 8, 2009, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Alwood worked for the former Auburn Rubber Co. for eight years. She had also managed the Value Dress Shop in Auburn for a number of years and then she worked for Sheller-Globe in Grabill before retiring in 1960.

She is a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

She was born March 27, 1919, in Paulding, Ohio, to Levi and Agnes (Shull) Mercer. She married Guy Alwood on Feb. 6, 1938, in Butler. He died May 18, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald Colleen Alwood of Auburn and Ronald Alwood of Hudson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeannette and Phillip Banta of Ellington, Fla., and Shirley and Gene Link of Auburn; a brother, Thurman Mercer of Tennessee; a sister, Zora Gordin of Zenia, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Carolyn Shannon; a granddaughter, Jackie Link; three brothers, Ernest Mercer, Carson Mercer and Clayton Mercer; and three sisters, Edith Turner, Pearl Derrow and Evelyn Crooks.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Auburn Church of Christ, with John Mercer and Wayne Michael officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

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Judy Davis

ANGOLA — Judy C. Davis, 64, of Angola died Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Martha Miller

TOPEKA — Martha Louise Miller, 88, of Topeka died Friday, May 8, 2009, at 4:30 a.m. at her home.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Harvey Miller home, 6545 S. C.R. 300W, Topeka, with Bishop Christy Mast and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be today after 2 p.m. and all day Sunday at the Harvey Miller home.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Miller

HARDENVILLE, Mo. — Kenneth Miller, 78, of Hardenville and formerly of Leo, Ind., died Saturday, May 2, 2009, at Select Speciality Hospital in Springfield, Mo.

Mr. Miller had been a member of the Sheriff's Department in Gainesville, Mo.

He had retired as a truck driver with Fruehauf Trailer Co. in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Miller served in the military for 2 1/2 years during the Korean War.

He was born May 16, 1930, in Garrett to Paul and Effie (Hilkey) Miller. He married Mary Von Behrens on Aug. 6, 1960. She survives in Hardenville.

Also surviving are his children, Connie Jean Hutter and Douglas Miller; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Sharon Miller of Hudson; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Donna Northway of Sebastian, Fla., and Shirley and Robert Kugler of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Betty Bowser.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. May 16 at Clinkingbeard Funeral Home in Gainesville.

Memorials are to the family in care of Mary Miller, HCI, Box 42, Hardenville, MO 65666.

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Drug theft turns deadly

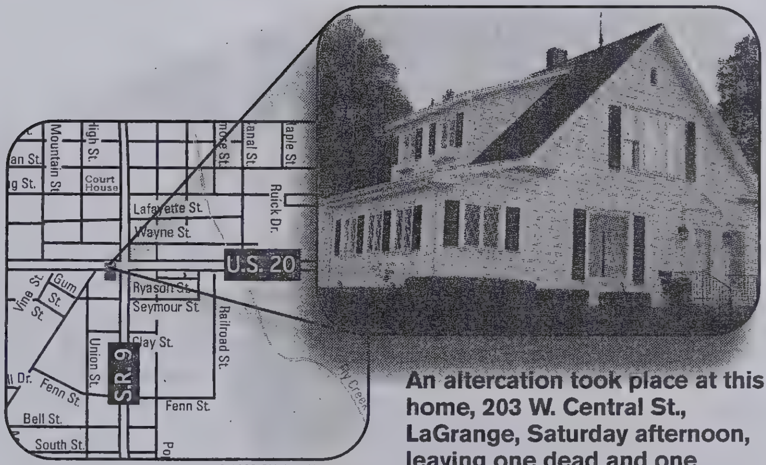
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PHOTO BY JIM SHILANDER; ILLUSTRATION BY LINDSAY WINSLOW BROWN

An altercation took place at this home, 203 W. Central St., LaGrange, Saturday afternoon, leaving one dead and one injured.

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Man dies from gunshot wounds in LaGrange

BY MATT GETTS
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LAGRANGE — An Angola man was shot and killed and another was hospitalized with serious injuries after an incident allegedly involving stolen marijuana Saturday afternoon in the 200 block of West Central Street (U.S. 20) in LaGrange.

Police did not release the shooting victims' names Saturday evening.

Police said a 26-year-old Angola man was pronounced dead at Parkview LaGrange Hospital after the incident. A 24-year-old Angola man was airlifted to an area hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds.

The alleged shooter, Cory A. Waltmire, 25, was booked into the LaGrange County Jail late Saturday night on a felony possession of marijuana charge.

According to police, the two Angola men allegedly confronted Waltmire earlier in the day Saturday in Steuben County, accusing him of stealing a large amount of marijuana.

According to a press release from the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, "The two men allegedly took (Waltmire) to an undisclosed place west of Angola and beat him while threatening him with a gun and knife."

Police said Waltmire "received bodily injury to his head, face and body."

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DEADLY: *Alleged shooter held on felony drug charge in LaGrange*

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According to the press release, Waltmire eventually agreed to take the men back to his residence in LaGrange in the 200 block of West Central Street (U.S. 20) to return the marijuana.

The release said, "When they entered his residence he fought with one of the suspects and broke away.

"He then retrieved a semiautomatic pistol and ordered the suspects from his home. They allegedly continued to advance toward him in a threatening manner, and he shot both of them inside the residence."

Police received a report of shots fired at 1:45 p.m.

The 24-year-old Angola man managed to leave the house and was found at the corner of Hawpatch Road and Central Street.

"He had been shot twice (in the chest)," LaGrange County Sheriff Terry Martin said.

After the shootings, Waltmire went to the home of a police officer who lives in LaGrange to report the incident.

With one of the Angola men still inside, Martin led the LaGrange members of the Northeast Indiana SWAT team into the residence. The second man was found in the kitchen, and was flown to an area hospital for treatment.

The condition of that man was not known late Saturday evening.

Waltmire was treated for his injuries at Parkview LaGrange Hospital and was released.

Police did recover marijuana at the scene.

LaGrange County police were assisted at the scene by the Indiana State Police and the ISP Crime Scene Unit, the LaGrange Police Department, the Department of Natural Resources, the LaGrange Fire Department and EMS personnel.

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Lucille Whitman: The 'eternal debutante'

BY MIKE MARTURELLO
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ANGOLA — If there ever was always present belle of the ball, it would have to be Lucille Whitman, who died May 2 in Angola.

Whitman, who was 102, in writing a final remembrance of herself, said she "will be remembered fondly as the eternal debutante' of Angola. She devoted her life to women of all ages and to women from all walks of life, and she was the proof that a woman can be whatever she wants to be."

Strong-willed. Confident. A sharp dresser. Witty. An organizer. She had the ability to stay young, and even on her 100th birthday she wore a backless gown.

"Women should take care of themselves, stay busy and keep a positive attitude about everything from work to health," she said in a document she made available only upon her death.

"You know, we were talking about her the other day and we commented that when she passed on she probably had her make up on and her hair done up right," said Angola Mayor Dick Hickman.

"Quite honestly, she probably had her eyelashes and her diamonds right there," added Sharon Stroh, president and chief executive officer of the Steuben County Community Foundation, for which Whitman was active.

You name it and it probably could have been apt to describe Whitman. She was active in many causes, particularly if they were intended to help women. She, herself, was a rags to riches story.

Whitman

After she graduated from Brushy Prairie School in LaGrange County, she got married and had a daughter, Betty Lou. Her marriage didn't work out, yet she got a divorce at a time when that was not something one did. She moved in with her grandfather with $1.50 in her pocket. To make ends meet, she held down a number of jobs, working at a newsstand, washing dishes, scooping ice cream and as a cashier, to name a few.

Above the restaurant where she worked there was a beauty shop. In 1938, the owner, Maude Ritter, offered Whitman a shot at management, if she went to beauty college, which she did. By 1939, Whitman bought the shop on a land contract, beginning of her life in fashion.

"She became a business woman and became a community leader back when women didn't have those opportunities," Hickman said.

Over the next 50 years there were many changes to Whitman's business, Rainbow Beauty and Gifts. She offered women a place where they could achieve a total look through hair styling, makeup and clothing. The business grew to 15 employees and included fashion experts.

Eventually Whitman had a string of businesses and even her own beauty school. She was a presenter in national and international seminars on cosmetology and fashion. She served as an educator and consultant, traveling to such places as Africa, China, Mexico, Rome, Paris, Greece, London, Spain and the Caribbean. She hosted radio and television shows and was published in national magazines that covered fashion.

Whitman was at the forefront of the women's movement, but said it was important to keep in fashion.

"I believe in equal pay for equal work, but let's stay wife, mother and lady," Whitman once said. "Personal appearance is important to women in the workforce. It has a lot to do with how well they do. Women have to look and act the part. It's all part of the greater reality that women have to work harder at building respect than a man does. I believe that's what helped me to succeed. I'm not brighter than anyone else. I just worked harder."

And she was respected in the community for her drive.

"I was thinking about how she was a lady who was ahead of her time. You look back at the women's movement and she was out there living it," Hickman said.

While she owned businesses in Angola, Indianapolis and Danville, she was very giving to the community that gave so much to her, Angola.

"She just loved being in this community. She realized it gave her everything," Stroh said.

Whitman was a member of the Steuben County Business and Professional Women, founded the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation and was a member of the Steuben County Woman's Club. She started a continuing education program at Tri-State University that lasted 15 years.

"The very first time I met her I had been invited to speak at the Steuben County BPW meeting," Stroh said. "And afterwards I was introduced to her. And I thought, boy. I said to her, 'if I can only aspire to be you when I am 92.' She took my hand and she said, 'you just stay vivacious the rest of your life.' Nobody ever called me vivacious in my whole life."

After her career she remained active as a commentator for fashion shows, was a popular guest speaker and spent time mentoring girls.

Stroh called her a "slight woman with a big influence."

"Your body is your soul's house," Whitman once said. "Your eyes are its windows and your mouth is its door. Always have the curtains at the windows and the door painted … and be careful of what goes in and out."

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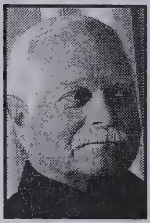
Charles Peter

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Charles "Chuck" E. Peter, 63, died Saturday May 9, 2009, at his home.

He was born on May 20, 1945 in Hicksville, Ohio, to Kermit and Pearl (Blinzler) Peter. He married Marsha Fetzer on Sept. 3, 1971.

He was a 1963 graduate of Fairview High School. and a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Vietnam War and was awarded a Purple Heart.


Mr. Peter

He was a lifelong Harness Racing business owner, trainer, and driver; he was a member of the Hicksville Horsemen Association, NWOCRA, United States Trotting Association (USTA), and the Ohio State Trotting Association (OSTA).

He was also a member of St. John Lutheran Church and American Legion Post No. 223, both of Hicksville.

He is survived by his wife Marsha of Hicksville; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Kathleen Yontz of Hagerstown; a daughter, Dawn Quaintance of Angola; eight grandchildren; his father and stepmother, Kermit and Marylou Peter of Hicksville, a brother and sister-in-law, Mel and Peggy Peter of Bryan, Ohio; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Phyllis and Claren Osmun, and Patricia Peter, all of Edgerton, Ohio; and Mary Jo King of Hicksville.

He was preceded in death by his mother Pearl and infant sister Janet.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville with the Rev. Donald Leckrone officiating.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville and after 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the church.

Burial is at Lost Creek Cemetery in Farmer Township with military honors accorded by American Legion Post No. 223.

Memorials may be made to Crippled Children & Adult Society or Hicksville Horsemen Assoc. or Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Mildred Speicher

LAGRANGE — Mildred O. Speicher, 74, of LaGrange, died Saturday, May 9, 2009, at her home.

She was born in Elkhart on June 23, 1934, to Titus T. Speicher and Vera E. (Donat) Speicher.

She was employed at Needlecraft in Elkhart as a seamstress and she retired after 15 years of service. She enjoyed being a homemaker and taking care of her children.

Mrs. Speicher

She is survived by her mother Vera E. Speicher of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and Karen Nowak of South Bend; three daughters, Wanda St. Loius of LaGrange, Loretta Lintula of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Donna Nowak of Elkhart; three brothers and three sisters-in-law, Titus T. and Martha Speicher Jr. of LaGrange, Howard and Diane Speicher of LaGrange, Roger and Mary Speicher of LaGrange; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Vonnie Parks of Sturgis, Mich., June and Merle Manor of LaGrange, and Karol Endres of LaCresenta, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be held at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange Tuesday at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Ken Weaver.

Calling will be at the funeral home two hours before the service. According to her wishes, cremation will follow.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Chris Madden

AUBURN — Chris Madden, 82, of Auburn died Friday, May 8, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Madden was a sales representative for Tri-State Memorials in Auburn for 10 years and then for Ley Monument Company in Avilla for eight years.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Auburn for over 50 years and the Auburn Church of Christ.

Mrs. Madden

She was born Sept. 7, 1926, in Auburn to Robert and Ada (Gray) Doub.

She married Loren Madden on July 21, 1945, in Bryan, Ohio, and he past away on March 31, 1979.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Linda Madden of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Roger Jernigan of Auburn, and Debbie and Greg Carnahan of South Bend; one sister-in-law, Doris Daub of Auburn; and eight grandchildren and spouses, Jennifer and Michael O'Hear, Julia and Tim Babcock, Kelly Carnahan, Kristen Carnahan, Ryan and Megan Jernigan, Tyler Jernigan and Laurie Zink, Alex Carnahan, and Regan Carnahan; and six great grandchildren, Lauren and Daniel O'Hear, Logan Carnahan, Miles and Maxwell Christian Babcock, and Jackson Carnahan

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Calvin and Patricia Daub, and Paul Daub; and one sister and brother-in-law, Betty and George Wheeler.

A memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 N. Indiana Ave, Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig, Dr. Mitchell Kruse, and Rev. Stuart Kruse officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ or the Auburn Church of Christ.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Patricia Drummond

AVILLA — Patricia Louise Drummond, 82 of Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Ms. Drummond came to the area 14 years ago from Royal Oak, Mich. She had been a Catholic school teacher, a Franciscan nun, and a registered nurse.

Ms. Drummond was born on Dec. 8, 1926, in Fort Wayne to Arthur and Bernadette (Richey) Drummond.

Among her survivors are her 5 cousins, Mary Ellen Trepanier, Karen Warner, Rosemary O'Neill, Owen O'Neill and Janet Heffley.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Sunday at 5p.m. in the Chapel at the Provena Sacred Heart Home. Father Daniel Leeuw will officiate the mass.

Burial will be private at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation will also be on Sunday one hour prior to services at the nursing home.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Marie Haupt

FORT WAYNE — Marie E. Haupt, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday May 9, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Haupt was born Jan. 30, 1931, in Auburn to Charles W. and Leona O. (Richards) Haupt.

She was a bookkeeper for most of her life, retiring in 2006.

She was a graduate of Spencerville High School class of 1949. She was a member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by one brother and sister-in-law, Dale W. and Joyce Haupt of Delton, Fla., two sisters and one brother-in-law, Rosie O. and Harold Laux of Hicksville, Ohio, and Anna Ruth Girton of Orlando, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Charles A. Haupt, and Lawrence W. Haupt.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Don Nord officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne.

V.G. McKibben

FORT WAYNE — V.G. "Mac" McKibben, 89, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Mr. McKibben

He was born in Orland and worked for more than 50 years as a dairy farmer, race horse trainer and the last 30 years as director of Glenbrook Dodge Inc., where he was very active until last fall.

He was a past member of Masonic Lodge of Orland, a member of the American Jersey Cattle Club and Thoroughbred Breeders Association. An avid sports fan, he rarely missed a Notre Dame ball game.

Surviving is his companion, Georgiana Frick of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Douglas and Christine McKibben of Fort Wayne, Dennis and Jan McKibben of Charlotte, N.C., David McKibben of Laurel, Mary.; a daughter and son-in-law, Daralyn and Ken Herold of Orlando, Fla.; and a sister, Rachel McKibben of Arlington, Texas; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and; one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by granddaughter, Sherrie McKibben; his brothers, Paul and James McKibben; and sister, Beatrice Harmon.

Service is 11 a.m. Wednesday, at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road with Msgr. John Suelzer officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to Cancer Services of N.E. Indiana. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

In loving memory of

Betty Helfrich

We will always remember how special you made our lives.

Love,
Your children Rick, Carol & Lin

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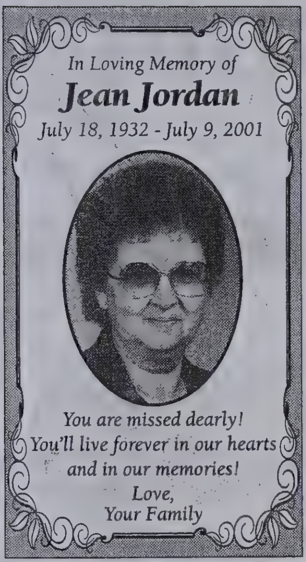
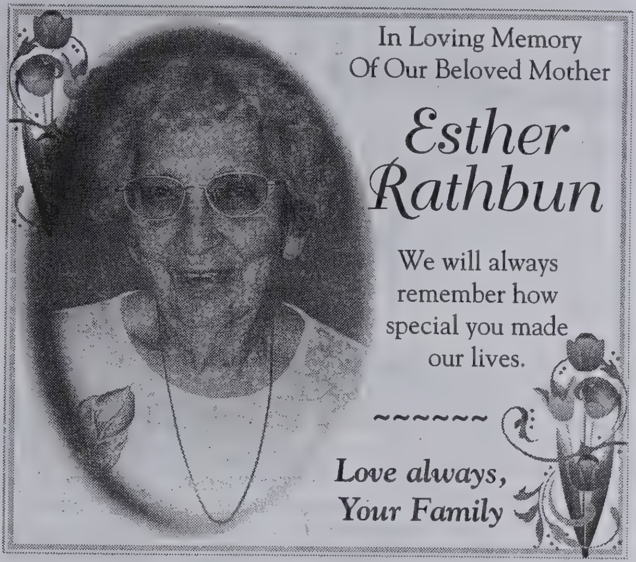


In Loving Memory of
Jean Jordan
July 18, 1932 - July 9, 2001

You are missed dearly!
You'll live forever in our hearts
and in our memories!
Love,
Your Family



In Loving Memory
Of Our Beloved Mother
Esther Rathbun

We will always
remember how
special you made
our lives.

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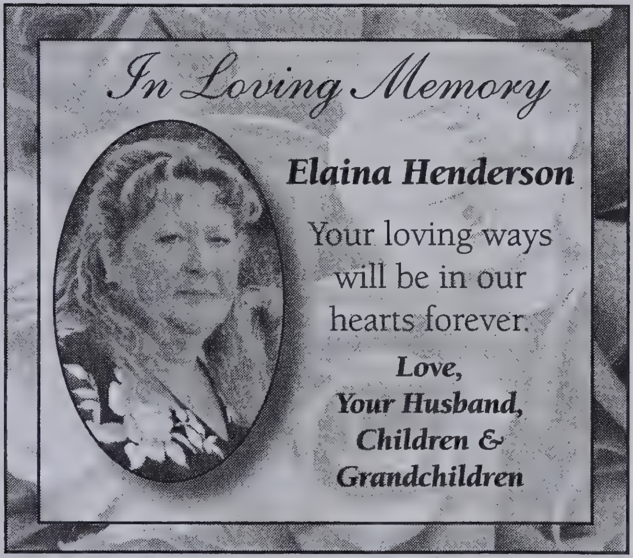
Love always,
Your Family

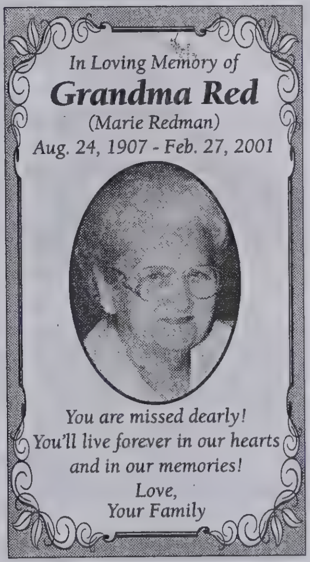


In Loving Memory

Elaina Henderson

Your loving ways
will be in our
hearts forever.

Love,
Your Husband,
Children &
Grandchildren



In Loving Memory of
Grandma Red
(Marie Redman)
Aug. 24, 1907 - Feb. 27, 2001

You are missed dearly!
You'll live forever in our hearts
and in our memories!
Love,
Your Family
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2nd shooting victim dies

BY TIFFANY YODER
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LAGRANGE — A second Angola man has died as a result of an incident involving allegedly stolen drugs and gunfire in LaGrange on Saturday afternoon.

LaGrange County Sheriff Terry Martin confirmed the second man died Sunday in a Fort Wayne hospital. Martin said the victims' names would not be released until today to ensure all families had been notified.

On Saturday night, police said a 26-year-old Angola man was pronounced dead at Parkview LaGrange Hospital after the incident. The second victim was a 24-year-old Angola man who had been was airlifted to a Fort Wayne hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds.

The alleged shooter, Cory A. Waltmire, 25, was booked into the LaGrange County Jail late Saturday night on a felony possession of marijuana charge.

LaGrange County Prosecutor Jeff Wible said the second death may have an impact on what charges may be filed against Waltmire. He said a probable cause hearing is likely to be held today in LaGrange County Superior Court.

According to police, the two Angola men allegedly confronted Waltmire earlier in the day, on Saturday in Steuben County, accusing him of stealing a large amount of marijuana.

According to a press release from the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, "The two men allegedly took (Waltmire) to an undisclosed place west of Angola and beat him while threatening him with a gun and knife."

Police said Waltmire "received bodily injury to his head, face and body."

According to the press release, Waltmire eventually agreed to take the men back to his residence in LaGrange in the 200 block of West

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VICTIM: *24-year-old Angola man left the house, was found at corner of Hawpatch and Central*

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Central Street (U.S. 20) to return the marijuana.

The release said, "When they entered his residence he fought with one of the suspects and broke away, then he retrieved a semi-automatic pistol and ordered the suspects from his home. They allegedly continued to advance toward him in a threatening manner, and he shot both of them inside the residence."

Police received a report of shots fired at 1:45 p.m.

The 24-year-old Angola man managed to leave the house and was found at the corner of Hawpatch Road and Central Street.

After the shootings. Waltmire went to the home of a police officer who lives in LaGrange to report what happened.

The incident remains under investigation.

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Shooting shocks neighbors

At least one resident was on porch when shots were fired

"It's like something you'd see in a movie."

Amy Miller
LaGrange resident

BY TIFFANY YODER
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LAGRANGE — It was something you'd see on a Hollywood set, not in LaGrange.

Saturday afternoon's double shooting involving 25-year-old Cory Waltmire of LaGrange, and two Angola men has stunned neighbors.

According to police, Waltmire was allegedly battered west of Angola by the two men who had accused Waltmire of stealing a large amount of marijuana from them. Waltmire eventually told the men the marijuana was at his LaGrange residence. When the three arrived, a fight ensued and Waltmire allegedly managed to get a semi-automatic handgun. Waltmire allegedly shot both men when they continued to advance on him in a threatening matter.

One of the Angola men died Saturday at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. The second victim died Sunday at a Fort Wayne hospital, according to LaGrange County Sheriff Terry Martin.

The Saturday afternoon gunfire shocked residents of the area.

At least one neighborhood resident, Amy Miller, 34, who lives on West Central Street, was outside while the incident was going on.

"I was on the front porch with my son," Miller said.

Once she heard the first gunshot, Miller said she and her son went inside. As she watched from the window, she saw one of the men running down a driveway and head east down the sidewalk while she called for help.

"I watched him collapse while I was calling 911," she said. "It was crazy."

Both Miller and a second neighbor, Evelyn Adamski, also living on West Canal Street, said they had police units in their yards. Miller said she had seen some of the officers coming through from her back yard, while Adamski said she had seen two of the police officers standing in her yard with rifles, as well as members of the SWAT team.

"It's like something you'd see in a movie," Miller said.

Adamski said she was inside her home when the shots were fired. Adamski noted she often hears children shouting in the area, so she thought nothing of the commotion she heard next door before the shots rang out. That, she said, is what caught her attention.

"When I looked out the window, I saw a man lying in the driveway," she said. "It was scary."

Neighbors said they weren't too familiar with Waltmire or those he lived with, including a woman believed to be his girlfriend. A neighbor, who asked to remain anonymous, said Waltmire and the woman were, "friendly as could be," though she acknowledged they hadn't gotten to know each other since neither had lived there for more than six months.

Adamski said the neighbors had been given no information from police as the events were unfolding and investigation was continuing Saturday afternoon. The anonymous neighbor said the only details she had heard were from television news reporters who came to report on the situation. Adamski said she only heard what took place after an officer told her she was safe after Waltmire had been found, and the scene was cleared.

"I didn't know what was going on," she said.

Residents of the neighborhood said the incident has made them more wary and nervous of life in small-town LaGrange. Waltmire's anonymous neighbor said it was the first time since moving to LaGrange from Goshen less than a year ago that she had locked her doors and windows. "I've never felt so unsafe before in my life," she said. Miller said though she usually allows her children outside, she didn't let them outside Saturday, at all, after the incident happened. She also proposed a change of address.

"My first reaction was I told my husband we have to move," she said, noting that people never fully know their neighbors and what kind of neighborhood you may be in. "You just don't know. Just by looking at someone, you can't tell who they are."

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Matthew O'Connor

AUBURN — Matthew R. O'Connor, age 34, of Auburn, died unexpectedly on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 28, 1975, in Fort Wayne, to Thomas and Patricia (Rosswurm) O'Connor Sr. They survive in Auburn.

Mr. O'Connor

He graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School in 1993. He married Lisa S. Hall on March 30, 1996. She survives in Auburn.

He worked as a pipe fitter and welder out of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 166.

He was a member of St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church and an executive board member of the Local 166.

Matthew was a loving and devoted husband and father, who enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with his family.

He is also survived by a daughter, Olivia, 12, and son, Evan, 7; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Tabatha O'Connor Jr. of Indianapolis, Jason and Michele O'Connor of Grand Junction, Colo., Adam and Tonya O'Connor of Fort Wayne and William and Jenny O'Connor of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Emily and Edward Gowgiel Sr. of Auburn; a grandmother, Muriel Rosswurm of New Haven; and grandparents John and Rita O'Connor of Fort Wayne; and 13 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Monica O'Connor, and grandfather Harold Rosswurm.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Fr. Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 13 from 1-5 and 6-9 p.m. with a Rosary service to start at 6 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Sue Copeland

ANGOLA — Sue Copeland, 70, of Angola died Saturday, May 9, 2009, in Angola.

Mrs. Copeland was a social worker at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and PEO.

Mrs. Copeland

She was born July 27, 1929, in Lexington, Ky., to William Marquis and Nancy (Carter) Marquis Kirkpatrick.

On Sept. 6, 1952, she married Glenn Copeland, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul and Shery Copeland of Angola and Mark Copeland and Ron Little of Houston, Texas; a daughter, Nancy Lebzelter of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Carole Copeland of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather, Neely Kirkpatrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Angola United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. A memorial service at Cameron Woods will take place at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church.

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Helen Dennison

AUBURN — Helen L. Dennison, 82, of Auburn died Saturday, May 9, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 26, 1927, to Orvil and Ruth (Malone) Winebrenner and they have both passed away.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

She married Clarence V. Dennison on May 6, 1945, in Garrett and he died April 27, 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Clarence Dennison Jr. of Fort Wayne and Richard Allen Dennison of Goodlettsville, Tenn.; six grandchildren, Amy Buchs of Waterloo, Lori Sexton of Waterloo, Wendi Sells of Waterloo, Hannah Dennison of Nashville, Tenn., Stephanie Benzinger of Fort Wayne and Toni Ott of Fort Wayne; seven great-grandchildren, Clare Sexton, Charlie Sexton, Abby Buchs, Becky Buchs, Nick Buchs, Sarah Sells and Anthony Jones; two brothers, Harold Winebrenner of Pine, Ariz., and Robert Winebrenner of Merced, Calif.; and a sister, Carol German of Champagne, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; two sons, Larry Eugene Dennison and Donald Dewayne Dennison; two brothers, Ross and Jack Winebrenner; and four sisters, Josephine Acker, Esther Pfiffer, Dorothy Acker and Betty Kimmell.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling will be Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Heimach Center.

Elizabeth McCauley

COLDWATER, Mich. — Elizabeth Jean McCauley, 66 of Coldwater died Saturday, May 9, 2009, at the Laurels of Coldwater.

Elizabeth had worked as an administrative assistant at the Northeastern Center in Angola, Ind. She loved Morrison Lake and her friends. She was a member of North Chain Yacht Club, the F.O.E. Auxiliary and the American Legion Post #52 Ladies Auxiliary.

Ms. McCauley

Elizabeth was born on January 14, 1943 to Thomas Richard and Elizabeth Jean (Allen) McCauley in Chicago. She moved from Midlothian, Ill., to Coldwater in 1980 to be near her family.

She is survived by her sons, Tom (Patricia) McCauley of Coldwater and Tim (Crystal) McCauley of Ypsilanti, Mich.; mother, Elizabeth J. McCauley of Coldwater; sister, Judith Chavez of Markham, Ill.; grandchildren, Brandon Pope, Corey McCauley, Kyle McCauley, Matthew McCauley and Nuala Elizabeth McCauley; and great-grandson, Brayden McCauley.

She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas McCauley, in 1987 and her sister, Diane Marie McCauley, in 2005.

A lakeside memorial service will be at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Elizabeth's home at 298 Morrison Lake Lane in Coldwater, just south of Waffle Farm Campgrounds on Union City Road. A reception will follow from 5-7 p.m. at the American Legion in Coldwater.

Memorials may be directed to the family or the CHC Cancer Center.

Arrangements are being cared for by Dutcher Funeral Home.

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Victims, suspect had priors

Mother says son who died from gunshot was trying to turn life around

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ANGOLA — The mother of one of the victims in Saturday's double-fatal shooting in LaGrange says her son was a good kid who was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Micky Mason, mother of Shaun Austin Zimmerman, 24, Angola, said her son was working to turn his life around after having a brush with the law and just getting released from the Steuben County Jail where he had been incarcerated some 17 months for an alleged burglary. Mason said her son was wrongly accused of the crime and was freed after attorneys working for Zimmerman convinced authorities that he had been working in Dayton, Ohio, at the time of the October 2007 incident in Angola.

Zimmerman

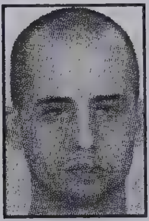
"He was trying to change his life around," Mason said.

Zimmerman, another shooting victim, and the alleged gunman all have criminal records in Angola, according to court records.

The alleged shooter — Cory A. Waltmire, 25, of LaGrange — is in LaGrange County Jail being held on $2 million bond. He has been charged with possession of marijuana, a Class D felony, and appeared Monday in LaGrange Superior Court in a closed hearing.

Smith

LaGrange County Prosecutor Jeff Wible said there was a large amount of marijuana involved in the incident; drugs Waltmire was accused by his victims of stealing. Waltmire allegedly shot Zimmerman and Jason McThene Smith, 26, of Fort Wayne at the LaGrange County residence where Waltmire had been living.


Waltmire

Zimmerman and Smith allegedly accused Waltmire of stealing marijuana and proceeded to beat him up and threaten him with weapons in a Steuben County location on Saturday. The three returned to Waltmire's LaGrange home, LaGrange County Sheriff's Department reports say, where Waltmire allegedly produced a handgun and shot the other two men.

Smith was pronounced dead at

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SHOOTING: *All involved had previous brushes with the law*

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Parkview LaGrange Hospital that day. Zimmerman died at a Fort Wayne hospital after being airlifted from the scene. Mason said her son technically had died while at Parkview LaGrange; he was on life support while flown to Parkview in Fort Wayne.

"All I can say was he was a really good kid. He had a heart of gold. He'd do anything for his family. He was a good kid," Mason said. "He was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Mason said Zimmerman most likely was helping Smith, which led to the trouble that would end up costing him his life.

All of the men have had brushes with the law.

Smith had pending charges related to an October 2008 operating while intoxicated arrest in Steuben County. He was due in Steuben Magistrate Court on Aug. 7 to face the felony and misdemeanor charges. The former Pleasant Lake resident did a short sentence in 2007 for criminal mischief. He had been charged twice with public intoxication and also with dealing in controlled substances, though some charges were dismissed as part of plea bargains.

Smith — 6 feet tall and around 220 pounds — was charged with battery in 2004 and aiding in battery in 2006. The '06 case was dismissed as part of a plea bargain in another case.

Zimmerman's record included a dismissed 2007 case alleging four counts of burglary, charges his mother said. Other cases dismissed in Zimmerman's favor include a 2007 purchase of drug-making precursors and 2008 battery. He completed a 10-year sentence in prison for a 2001 conviction of aggravated battery in a case originally charged as attempted murder. Zimmerman, who was a juvenile when the incident occurred and was waived into adult court, shot a man in the head on Sept. 28, 2000.

Coincidentally, that shooting also allegedly involved marijuana — Zimmerman had asked his victim — whose medical and other bills amounted to almost $40,000 — to find him drugs, court documents say. Later while the two were in the victim's car, Zimmerman shot him from the backseat then fled on foot.

While in Wabash Correctional Facility's maximum security unit, Zimmerman — 5-foot, 11 inches, 145 pounds — received his GED and attended anger management classes. He worked in the dining hall and sanitation departments, among other DOC jobs, and by 2006 was serving as a tutor.

His prison instructor, Jason Billingsley, filed a document with the Steuben Superior Court extolling Zimmerman as a "good student" and recommending him for vocational or college courses. While he received some marks for his conduct, including unauthorized possession of items and two batteries, he also received earned credit time for his efforts in prison.

Zimmerman was supposed to have a job interview with an Angola placement company on Monday, Mason said. He had been employed part time at a local restaurant.

Waltmire's criminal record in Steuben County includes the theft case, for which a pretrial conference is currently set on July 24 in Steuben Magistrate Court, and possession of marijuana, as well as some infractions and a 2002 conviction of minor in possession of alcohol. Several lawsuits are listed in the Steuben County Courthouse rolls, including actions filed by local housing providers.

Waltmire — 5 feet, 9 inches and 160 pounds — was living in LaGrange with a female believed to be his girlfriend. After the shooting, Waltmire allegedly located a police officer and reported the incident.

Mason said Zimmerman loved to fish and hunt. He also enjoyed extreme fighting and was very fit. He lived at home. Funeral services are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

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Harold Saalfrank

FREMONT — Harold E. "Salty" Saalfrank, 83, of Lake James died May 10, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Saalfrank

He was born on October 1, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Herbert and Esther (Thompson) Saalfrank. He married Maurine A. (Brackmann) on January 1, 1944, in Memphis, TN.

He worked at Zollner Piston and was self-employed at Robinwood Upholstery, retiring in 1977.

Salty served in the U.S. Marines Corps during World War II. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola and retired "mayor" of Lake James.

He enjoyed spending winters in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving is his wife, Maurine A. Saalfrank of Fremont; two sons; Michael and wife, Joyce, Saalfrank of Fremont and Hap and wife, Carol, of Fremont; a daughter, Diane Kelker of Milwaukee, WI.; grandchildren, Julia, George, Geof, Laura, Jamie and Matt; 12 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Ralph Saalfrank of Florida and Steve Wright of Snow Lake.

Services will be Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home at 108 S. West Street, Angola at 11 a.m. with Pastor Stan Temme of Lake George Lutheran Chapel officiating.

Friends may call Wednesday, May 13, 2009, from 3&#8211;7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 Williams St., Angola, IN 46703 or Lake George Lutheran Chapel, 1540 W. C.R. 800 Fremont, IN 46737.

Friends may sign a guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Anne Frink

FREMONT — Anne M. Frink, 73, of Fremont died Saturday, May 9, 2009, at her Fremont home.

Mrs. Frink

Mrs. Frink had retired in 1997 as a manufacturers representative in Huntington Beach, Calif.

She graduated in 1952 from New Trier High School, Winnetka, Ill. She attended the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Frink enjoyed watching and feeding her hummingbirds, reading, gardening, fishing, the lake, the sunshine and music.

She was a dear mother, grandmother, sister and aunt and a friend to all who knew her. She is leaving a beautiful legacy for us all.

She was born May 19, 1935, in Chicago to Edward P. and Olive (Decker) Madigan. She married Wayne A. Frink on Jan. 20, 1977, in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death on July 22, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter, Cathy Tibbals of Fallbrook, Calif.; a son, Michael Tibbals of Clarkston, Mich.; three stepdaughters, Beth Ann Passwater of Carmel, Cathy Haag of Brownsburg and Susie Jackson of Zionsville; six grandchildren, Jenny, Matt, Aaron, Mikey, Dan and Chris; six great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; a brother, John W. Madigan of Winnetka, Ill.; and one sister, Lyn Sills of Chicago.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association, 61 Broadway, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10006.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Sue Copeland

ANGOLA — Sue Copeland, 79, of Angola died Saturday, May 9, 2009, in Angola.

Mrs. Copeland

Mrs. Copeland was a social worker at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and PEO.

She was born July 27, 1929, in Lexington, Ky., to William Marquis and Nancy (Carter) Marquis Kirkpatrick. On Sept. 6, 1952, she married Glenn Copeland, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul (Shery) Copeland of Angola and Mark Copeland of Houston, Texas, and Ron Little of Houston, Texas; a daughter, Nancy Lebzelter of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Carole Copeland of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather, Neely Kirkpatrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Angola United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

A memorial service at Cameron Woods will take place at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church.

John Lehman

ANGOLA — John B. Lehman, 76, of Angola died at 9:15 p.m. Sunday, May 10, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Lehman had been a machinist for Tokheim in Fort Wayne for 20 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born March 13, 1933, in Paulding, Ohio, to Oscar and Doris (Stanton) Lehman. He married Mildred (Braden) Wilcox on Feb. 14, 1990. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Ernest and Kathy Wilcox of Bryan, Ohio, Michael and Ann Wilcox of Lake Charles, Angola, Gary and Pat Wilcox of Angola and Larry and Diane Wilcox of Alabama; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Albert Edwards

FORT WAYNE — Albert Edwards, 64, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Edwards had retired from Lincoln Life Insurance in 2000 with 25 years of service. He had been employed part time at the Fort Wayne Vehicle Auction.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge Maumee 725.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Edwards of Fort Wayne; and a daughter and son-in-law, Erin and David Ley of Fort Wayne.

A celebration of life will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mccombandsons.com.

Thomas Montgomery

LAGRANGE — Thomas Montgomery, 53, of LaGrange died Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

THE NEWS SUN
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May 13, 2009, Wednesday

Charles Craig

ANGOLA — Charles "Chad" Craig, 37, passed away after a valiant fight against cystic fibrosis at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind., on Monday, May 11, 2009, with his family at his side.

Mr. Craig

Mr. Craig had worked for Sam Presley Timber in Angola.

He was a 1990 graduate of Fremont High School. He had attended Manchester College and graduated from Tri-State University in 1996.

During his high school years at Fremont High School, he was an outstanding member of the Track and Cross Country teams. Chad had set several cross country meet records.

He also ran Cross Country at Manchester College before graduating from Tri-State University with bachelor's degrees in physical education and biology.

He enjoyed playing basketball, was an avid pool player, and also enjoyed bowling, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed playing league pool, and playing for the 8-Ball team "3 &#0189; Grams" and the 9-Ball team "One Night At McCool's."

Chad was a member of the American Pool Association of Northeast Indiana, and formerly was a member of the National Fishing Association and the National Rifle Association.

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He had participated in the Steuben County 4-H Club.

He was born Oct. 20, 1971, in Glen Falls, N.Y. to Sheila (Colwell) Petry. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving was his companion and soul mate, Kristi Vandiver; a sister, Candy Austin of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Todd and Karma Austin of Fremont; an aunt and uncle, Terry and Sam Presley of Angola; three nieces, Bailey Austin, Sedona Austin and Kyley Robbins; and a nephew, Caleb Biernat.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles "Pete" and Lois M. (Ridenour) Colwell.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009, at Fairview Missionary Church at Angola. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2009, at Fairview Missionary Church at Angola with the Rev. Eric Piersimoni officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Montgomery

LAGRANGE — Thomas E. Montgomery, 53, of LaGrange died Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Lloyd Pinckney

AUBURN — Lloyd E. Pinckney, 84, of Auburn died Monday, May 11, 2009, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pinckney was a design draftsman and had worked for Phillips, Magnavox and ITT.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

He was born June 12, 1924, in Fremont, Neb., to John and Lillian Pinckney.

Survivors include his sons, Kenneth Pinckney of Duncan, Okla., and Wayne Pinckney of Auburn; a sister, Myrtle Bice of Bastian, Va.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and in 1999 by his wife, Ruthene.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St, Auburn, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Due to allergies, the family asks that no flowers be sent to the funeral home. Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

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May 13, 2009, Wednesday

Harold Saalfrank

FREMONT — Harold E. "Salty" Saalfrank, 83, of Lake James died May 10, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Saalfrank

He was born on October 1, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Herbert and Esther (Thompson) Saalfrank. He married Maurine A. (Brackmann) on January 1, 1944, in Memphis, TN.

He worked at Zollner Piston and was self-employed at Robinwood Upholstery, retiring in 1977.

Salty served in the U.S. Marines Corps during World War II. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola and retired "mayor" of Lake James.

He enjoyed spending winters in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving is his wife, Maurine A. Saalfrank of Fremont; two sons; Michael and wife, Joyce, Saalfrank of Fremont and Hap and wife, Carol, of Fremont; a daughter, Diane Kelker of Milwaukee, WI.; grandchildren, Julia, George, Geof, Laura, Jamie and Matt; 12 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Ralph Saalfrank of Florida and Steve Wright of Snow Lake.

Services will be Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home at 108 S. West Street, Angola at 11 a.m. with Pastor Stan Temme of Lake George Lutheran Chapel officiating.

Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 Williams St., Angola, IN 46703 or Lake George Lutheran Chapel, 1540 W. C.R. 800 Fremont, IN 46737.

Friends may sign a guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Shaun Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Shaun Austin Zimmerman, 24, died Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Zimmerman

He had worked at Roger's Harvest House in Hamilton.

Shaun loved hunting, shooting pool in the Guy's League, fishing and most of all wrestling (cage fighting).

He loved doing things with his family and friends. He would do anything for a friend. He also loved his dog, Kaydo.

Shaun was born on June 14, 1984, in Angola. His mother and stepfather, Rodney and Michelle K. (Ridenour) Mason of Angola, and his father and stepmother, Tommy and Sofia Zimmerman of Angola, survive.

Also surviving are his paternal grandmother, Margaret Zimmerman of Angola; a brother, Scott Zimmerman of Terre Haute; a sister, Samantha Zimmerman of Vandelia, Mo.; a half brother, Craig Burger of Japan; a half sister, Rhonda Ringler of Pa.; two stepbrothers, Patrick Mason of Little Rock, Ark., and Andren Mason of Marshall, Ark.; and three stepsisters, Heidi Hanely of Angola, Heather McMaster of Wabash and Keri Richter of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Anna and Farrell Ridenour; his paternal grandfather, Keith Zimmerman; a niece, Jordan Zimmerman; and a nephew, Logan Zimmerman.

Calling will be Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home at 108 S. West St., Angola, from 4-8 p.m.

Services for Mr. Zimmerman will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with calling one hour prior to service.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Friends may sign a guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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May 13, 2009, Wednesday

Christine Brown

GARRETT — Christine R. Brown, 66, of Garrett died at 7:15 a.m. Monday, May 11, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Brown had lived in Garrett from 1964-1989, before moving to Springfield, Ohio. She returned to Garrett in 2003.

She worked as a grinder at Ball Brass in Auburn for 15 years, retiring in 1989.

She was born March 23, 1943, in East Burnest, Ky., to Arthur and Wilma (Hibbard) Reid. She married James L. Brown on Nov. 5, 1960, in New Port, Ky., and he survives in Garrett.

Surviving are three daughters, Denise and Allen Green of Garrett, Tonya and Jerry Pearson of Middlebury and Janice and Andy Gonya of Garrett; a son, James A. Brown of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lois Dryden, Sarasota, Fla.; and a brother, Paul Reid, Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Esmer, Gene and Anthony Reid, and a sister, Shirley Reid.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett. Graveside services will take place at 10 a.m. Friday at Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Martin Healthcare, St. Martin's Soup Kitchen or the Community Care Food Pantry.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

David McLaughlin

INDIANAPOLIS — David M. McLaughlin, 74, of Indianapolis died Sunday, May 10, 2009, at his home.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at East 91st Street Christian Church following calling.

Memorials may be made to the South African Christian Mission, 789 Lester Road, Reading, MI 49274-9520.

Charles Laurie Sr.

AUBURN — A celebration of life memorial service for Charles B. Laurie Sr. of Auburn will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday at Bridgewater East Golf Club, 1818 Morningstar Road in Auburn.

Mr. Laurie died April 20, 2009, at Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Roy Stidham

LAGRANGE — Roy Stidham Sr., 65, of LaGrange died Monday, May 11, 2009, at his residence after a four-year battle with cancer.

Services will be at 10 a.m Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with Vernon Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Reggie Chorpenning

STURGIS, Mich. — Dr. Reggie L. Chorpenning, D.C., 62, of Sturgis, Mich., died Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at home.

Sturgis Elks Lodge No. 1381 will conduct a service Monday at 4 p.m. at Hackman Family Funeral Homes' Rosenberg Chapel, 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday and 2-4 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Elks National Foundation in care of the Sturgis Elks Lodge, 66200 Grey Lake Road, Sturgis MI 49091 or the American Cancer Society.

More information is online at hackmanfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Ed Donat

ROME CITY — Ed Donat, 83, former owner of C.M. Donat and Sons in Rome City, died Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pend-ing at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Donald Harter

ANGOLA — Donald Lewis Harter, 60, of Orleans, Vt., and formerly of Angola died Monday, May 11, 2009, at Newport Hospital in Newport, Vt.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 13, 2009 Wednesday

Eva B. Weimer, 99

RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA – Eva B. Weimer, age 99, of Russellville, Alabama passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at Russellville Health Care.

Mrs. Weimer had previously resided at Skinner Lake.

Survivors include: a son, Jerry (Shirley) Weimer of Albion; two grandchildren, Troy (Casey) Weimer of Kendallville and Tasha Weimer of Albion; two great-grandchildren, Whitney and Paige Weimer of Kendallville; several nieces and nephews; a brother O'Neal Bragwell of Tuscumbia, AL.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Weimer; her parents, Ell and Pearl Bragwell; and two sisters, Maxine King and Willodean Borum.

Private graveside services were held May 12, 2009 at Sweet Cemetery near Albion with Rev. Gerald Ringenberg officiating.

Pinkard Funeral Home in Russellville, AL were in charge of the arrangements.

Patricia Louise Drummond, 82

AVILLA - Patricia Louise Drummond, 82 of Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at the Dekalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Ms. Drummond came to the area 14 years ago from Royal Oak, Michigan. She had been a Catholic School Teacher, a Franciscan Nun, and a Registered Nurse.

Ms. Drummond was born on December 8, 1926 in Fort Wayne to Arthur and Bernadette (Richey) Drummond.

Among her survivors are her five cousins, Mary Ellen Trepanier, Karen Warner, Rosemary O'Neill, Owen O'Neill and Janet Heffley.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Sunday, May 10, 2009 in the Chapel at the Provena Sacred Heart Home. Father Daniel Leeuw officiated the mass.

Private burial was at the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Bernard E. Clouse, 85

ALBION - Bernard E. "Benny" Clouse, age 85 of Albion, died Tuesday May 5, 2009 at 8:24 PM at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Born on April 5, 1924 in Noble County, he was the son of John and Iva Mae (Coats) Clouse, both deceased.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident, and enjoyed many outdoor activities like camping and fishing. He loved to tinker in his garage and going to antique and garage sales, and he loved his dog, Shorty.

On April 21, 1951 he married Marceil "Ceil" Leitch in Rome City, she survives in Albion.

Benny worked at American Tractor in Churubusco, American Hoist in Albion for 23 years and most recently was a custodian at Tolkheim in Albion for 2 years.

He was a United States Navy veteran serving during World War II.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Ceil Clouse; two sons, Lenny "Butch" (Cheryl) Clouse of Wolcottville, and Leslie Clouse and his girlfriend Sharon Schlabach of Upper Long Lake; seven grandchildren, Shawn Clouse, Erin Clouse, Chrissy Bruce, Eric Bruce, Ronald (Irena) Millington, Kody Hunt and Heidi Hunt; Six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Edith Romine of Churubusco, and Marty (Carroll) Leitch of Smalley Lake.

Funeral services for Mr. Clouse were Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Pastor David Sheffield officiated.

Cremation will follow.

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Lisa Parsons, 52

GOSHEN – Lisa Parsons, 52, of Goshen died at 6:13 A.M. at her residence on Thursday, May 7, 2009. She became ill with pancreatic cancer in August 2008.

She was born January 18, 1957 to Philip D. and Esther M.(Warstler) Mishler, in Huntington. She was a 1975 graduate of Goshen High School and lived for a short period of time in Seattle, Washington.

She married Terry C. Parsons July 4, 1976, at Ox Bow Park, Elkhart County. They lived most of their years in rural Goshen and moved to Deltona, Fla., for about a year in 2004.

She worked in the RV industry and was last employed at Forest River, Plant 4, Goshen. She loved to cook and enjoyed yard sales and camp-outs. Her hobbies included collecting antique dishes and recipes. She was a member of the First Brethren Church of New Paris.

She is survived by her husband Terry C. Parsons, Goshen; her father and mother, Philip D. and Esther M. Mishler, Goshen; daughter, Josie (Adam) Morgan, Goshen; son, Jeremy C. Parsons, Goshen; grandsons, Reid Parsons and Robbie Morgan, both of Goshen; and sisters, Brenda J. Donat and Carla J. Wood, both of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Mishler, who died in August 1986.

A memorial service was held at First Brethren Church in New Paris on May 9, 2009. The Rev. Ted Schowengerdt led the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Goshen General Hospital Care at Home/Hospice; First Brethren Church of New Paris; or PANCAN (Pancreatic Cancer Action Network).

Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen assisted with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.rrefh.com

Phinis E. Parsons, 68

ELKHART – Phinis E. "Gene" Parsons, 68, of Elkhart, died at 9:46 A.M., May 1, 2009 in his home.

He was born September 17, 1940 in LaGrange County to Patrick and Geneva (Durham) Parsons.

Mr. Parsons is survived by two sons, Daniel E. Parsons of Chester County, S.C., and Morris Parsons of Washington D.C.; two daughters, Julie (Bill) Parsons Orr of Rock Hill, S.C. and Jennie (David) Sutton of Indian Land, S.C.; three grandchildren; his former wife, Rozanne Parsons of Elkhart; one brother, Terry (the late Lisa) Parsons of Goshen; and two sisters, Wanda (Vernie) Blevins of Albion and Frances Blevins of Kendallville.

Three brothers, Jim, Robert and Larry, preceded him in death.

Mr. Parsons was a U. S. Air Force veteran who enjoyed fishing. He had worked at Elkhart County Tool & Die and Conrail. He was a truck driver.

There were no services. Cremation took place. Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, Elkhart assisted with arrangements.

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Louise K. Beckley, 95

ALBION – Louise "Bee" K. Beckley, 95, lifetime Albion resident passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 9:13 A.M. at the Parkview Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City where she had been a patient since Saturday morning. Mrs. Beckley had been in declining health for the last 3 months.

Bee was born on December 4, 1913 in Albion to William and Grace (Bidwell) Kelleborough.

Bee married the late Robert E. Beckley. He passed away in December of 1991 after 75 years of marriage.

Bee loved flowers, gardening and cooking. She was a cook for several years for the Noble County Sheriff's Department Jail and also the Country Club in Rome City. Bee was also a Charter Member of the Noble County Historical Society.

Bee is survived by two sons, Kenneth (Carol) Beckley and Robert "Bob" (Terrie) Beckley all of Albion; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Josephine Jahn of Fort Wayne.

She was preceeded in death by her husband Robert; one son, Charles Beckley who passed away in 1957; one brother and four sisters.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Beckley were May 8, 2009 at the Albion Wesleyan Church. Pastor David Sheffield officiated.

Burial followed at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Noble County Historical Society.

The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel was in charge of arrangements. www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Russell D. Wilson Sr., 78

WAWAKA - Russell D. Wilson Sr., 78 of Wawaka passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Huntington, Indiana to Lester and Vera Wilson.

Mr. Wilson retired from TriAngle Fleet Service after 40 years of service. He then retired to Wawaka and took a part time job as an escort driver for Larry Black. Prior to living in Wawaka he resided in Huntington.

Mr. Wilson was very active in the Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE). He served as the Director of the F.O.E. Zones 2, 6, 7, 8 & 9. He was also Worthy Past President of 3164 & 3512 F.O.E..

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years Silvia; four sons, David (Virginia) Wilson-Kaufman, Herman Wilson-Kaufman, Russell D. (Sylivia) Wilson Jr. - Kaufman all from Huntington, Michael (Jan) Decker of Hawaii; three daughters, Anna (Jim) Baker of New Haven, Pamela Murphy and Pat Decker of Fort Wayne; one brother, Melvin (Shirley) Wilson Sr. of SC. and one sister, Betty Hibbert of Roanoke; twenty-one grandchildren, and thirty-nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He was proceeded in death by his parents Lester and Vera Wilson; son, James Decker Sr.; five brothers Harold, Lester "Lum" and Howard Wilson; Eugene and Robert Alsphach; one sister, Annette Bontempo.

Funeral services were on May 11, 2009 at noon at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. The Rev. Larry R. Williams officiated the service.

Cremation will follow.

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Frank G. Iddings, Jr., 40

CROMWELL – On Wednesday, May 6, 2009 Frank entered Heaven to be with his Lord for eternity.

He was born April 19, 1969 to Franklin G. Sr. & Patricia (Keister) Iddings at the Naval Air Station in Albany, Georgia.

On June 30, 1990 he married Joan Senter who survives in Cromwell along with their children Mandi Lee, Megan Joan, and Derek Eddie all at home.

Other survivors include: his three brothers, Charley of Albion, Bryan (Dorothy) of LaOtto, Leonard (Ginger) of Idaho and a sister Betty (Scott) Gamble of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents along with several aunts and uncles.

Frank graduated from Central Noble in 1987. During his school years he was active in boxing, football, wrestling and bull riding. From 1993-2005 he was a stock car driver at New Paris Speedway. He began his coaching career early in 2000 while coaching his children at T-ball. Most recently he was extremely involved with middle and high school football and wrestling. He loved "his kids" and seeing them not always win, but grow and learn. But his greatest accomplishment was in June of 2006 when he gave his life to the Lord. Frank was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier, where he was a trustee. He often said his biggest regret in life was that he didn't come to know the Lord sooner.

A funeral service was held Sunday May 10th at Shiloh Baptist Church.

Pastor Jimmy Shepherd officiated. Burial was at Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Pallbearers were: Tom Marsh, Robbie Morgan, Wes Weimer, Jared Knipper, Tony Swank, Joey Jacobs, Gene Teel, Nick Beckam and Derek Iddings.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Benefit Fund for Frank Iddings, P.O. Box 10, Topeka, Indiana 46571.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier assisted the family with arrangements.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Sue Marker

ANGOLA — Sue Ann Marker, 61, of Angola died Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Rose Graham

BUTLER — A memorial service for Rose Graham, 81, of Butler will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Butler United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Graham died Jan. 25, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

David McLaughlin

INDIANAPOLIS — David M. McLaughlin, 74, died Sunday, May 10, 2009, at his home in Indianapolis.

Mr. McLaughlin retired in 2000 from Share Financial Services Inc. He also served churches from 1986.

He received a recognition award for his contribution to the title industry for 28 years in June 1985 by Land Title Association of Colorado. He started with Lawyers Title Insurance Co. in Indianapolis.

Mr. McLaughlin was a 1952 graduate of Willard High School in Willard, Ohio, and a 1956 graduate of Tri-State University in Angola with a degree in civil engineering.

He was a member of East 91st Street Christian Church.

He was born Nov. 15, 1934, to C. Virgil and Beatrice Myers McLaughlin in Willard, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mattie; his son, Daniel James; a sister Colleen (Robert) Kime; a sister-in-law, Carol; and several nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lanny Allen McLaughlin.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at East 91st Street Christian Church.

Mr. McLaughlin's body has been donated to the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Memorials are to the South African Christian Mission, 789 Lester Road, Reading, MI 49274-9520, where Mr. McLaughlin served as chairman of the board of directors.

Ralph Taylor

FORT WAYNE — Ralph E. Taylor, 61, of Fort Wayne passed away Monday, May 11, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Taylor

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a retired conservation lieutenant serving from 1973 to 2003.

He was area commander for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division, from 1985 to 2003. He was also an Allen County deputy coroner since 2003 and was a certified medico-legal death investigator.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, growing wildflowers, and a wide variety of other outdoor activities.

He was a tinkerer who was passionate about life and loved his family and wide circle of friends.

He developed the Allen County coroner's "Drive Alive" campaign, served on the Indiana state Lakes Management Work Group, and received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award in 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl K. Taylor of Fort Wayne; his father, Ralph E. Taylor Sr. of Fort Wayne; his mother, Leta M. Strong of Auburn; a son, Shane K. Taylor of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Debi K. (Daniel) Krabach of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Janet (Jeff) Emmons of Fort Wayne and Judine Taylor (Richard Pressman) of San Antonio, Texas; and three granddaughters, Stacey Budd of Pleasant Lake and Caitlin Krabach and Andrea Krabach, both of Fort Wayne.

Funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Father Mark Gurtner officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Drive Alive Campaign or Ralph E. Taylor Conservation Fund c/o Steuben County Community Foundation.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Walter Donat

ROME CITY — Walter Edwin Donat, age 83, of Rome City, died on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Kendallville on March 24, 1926, to the late Cleo Marion and Anna Gertrude (Thomas) Donat.

Mr. Donat

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1944 and served his country in the United States Army during WWII.

Mr. Donat was co-owner and operator of C.M. Donat and Sons Pepsi Distribution in Rome City for many years. He retired in January 1987.

He was a proud 50-year member of the American Legion Post 381 of Rome City.

Ed was an avid pilot since 1965. He flew commercial planes and was a flight instructor.

Mr. Donat was licensed for single- and twin-engine planes, as well as amphibian planes.

He was past president of the Rome City Town Board from 1966-77, past member of the Noble County Plan Commission, as well as serving on various other local boards.

He loved being at his home on Sylvan Lake in Rome City.

Survivors include two daughters, Rebecca and John Doan of The Villages, Florida, and Corinne and John Zuege of West Lafayette, Indiana; a son, Dennis Donat of Goshen; three grandchildren, Robert and Kirsten Doan of Gainesville, Fla., Kevin Donat of Goshen and Sam Zuege of West Lafayette; one great-granddaughter, Olivia Doan; two brothers, Herbert Donat of Waterloo and Larry and Sandy Donat of Rome City; and a sister, Doris and Russ Bailey of Muncie.

He was also preceded in death two brothers, Cleo Donat Jr. an Richard E. Donat.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, May 14, 2009, from 5-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will also be today, Thursday, at 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Michael McKinney.

Private burial services will be Sunday at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Honorary casketbearers will be members of the American Legion Post 381 of Rome City.

Memorials are to the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society, 1205 Pleasant Point, Rome City, IN 46784.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jason Smith Sr.

ANGOLA — Jason Mc-Thene Smith Sr., 26, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, May 10, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 20, 1983, in Angola to Stanley Mc-Thene Miller and Tammy S. Smith.

Mr. Smith Sr.

Surviving are his father, Stanley Mc-Thene Miller of Angola; his mother, Tammy S. Smith of Fort Wayne, a son; Jason Mc-Thene Smith Jr. of Angola; a sister, Rachel Marie Yoder of Angola; a brother, Cory Lee Smith of Fort Wayne; his maternal grandmother, Sandra L. Smith of Angola; and his paternal grandparents, Janet and Shirley M. Miller of Angola.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. is Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Friends may sign a guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com

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Dr. Reggie Chorpenning

STURGIS — Dr. Reggie L. Chorpenning, age 62, of Sturgis, Mich., passed away peacefully at home Tuesday morning, May 12, 2009.

He was born February 3, 1947, in Fort Wayne, Ind., a son to Jack and Gwenevere (Jenkins) Chorpenning.

Dr. Chorpenning

Dr. Chorpenning graduated from Hamilton, Ind., High School with the class of 1965. He attended Tri-State University, International Business College and the National College of Chiropractic, graduating in 1971. On examinations, he was licensed to practice chiropractic in the states of Michigan, Iowa and Kentucky.

On May 18, 1968, in Butler, Ind., he was united in marriage to Cindy O. Wilson. Two sons, Jason and Ryan Chorpenning, were born of this union.

He and his family moved to Sturgis in November 1971 where he started his chiropractic practice and served the surrounding communities for 38 years.

Dr. Chorpenning was a member of his professional organizations, Past Exalted Ruler and Ritual Coach of Sturgis Lodge No. 1381 B.P.O.E., where he won several awards including All American Coach for national competition twice. He was also a member of the Sturgis Eagles, Meridian Sun-Eagle Lodge No. 49 F.& A.M., Sturgis Chapter No. 26 R.A.M., Columbia Commandery No.18 K.T., Saladin Shrine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., and the Sturgis Shrine Club.

In his early years, he worked with his family where they traveled the county fair circuits with concession trailers producing and selling such confections as caramel corn, popcorn, candied apples, taffy candy sticks and taffy kisses, cotton candy, elephant ears, dogs on a stick, and lemonade. After meeting his wife, she also joined in the family business.

He enjoyed spending time with family, fishing, golfing, woodworking and traveling.

He also coached Little League baseball and youth soccer, played softball and bowled for several years.

Surviving are parents, Jack and Gwenevere Chorpenning; his loving wife of 41 years, Cindy; two sons, Jason Chorpenning of Sturgis and wife, Christine (Furtado), and grandsons, Matthew and Richard Furtado, and Ryan Chorpenning of Lansing, Mich., and wife, Robyn (Curnow), and grandson, Mason, and granddaughter, Molly; one sister, Corinne Houser and husband, Doug, of Waterloo, Ind.; his mother-in-law, Helen Wilson of Butler, Ind.; three sisters-in-law, Bonny (Ken) Dyson, Wendy (Rick) Spencer, and Ricky Houser; and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Chorpenning was preceded in death by his father-in-law, R. Keith Wilson.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 6-8 p.m. Sunday and from 2-4 p.m., Monday at the Hackman Family Funeral Homes — Rosenberg Chapel — 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis, Mich. 49091.

An Elks service celebrating the life of Dr. Chorpenning will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at the funeral home by the Sturgis Elks Lodge 1381 Ritual Team.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation may consider the Elks National Foundation in care of Sturgis Elks 1381, 66200 Grey Lake Road, Sturgis, MI 49091 or the American Cancer Society. Envelopes are also available at the funeral home.

His obituary is also at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhomes.com where personal messages of support may be left for the family.

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Shaun Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Shaun Austin Zimmerman, 24, died Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

He had worked at Roger's Harvest House in Hamilton.

Mr. Zimmerman

Shaun loved hunting, shooting pool in the Guy's League, fishing and most of all wrestling (cage fighting).

He loved doing things with his family and friends. He would do anything for a friend. He also loved his dog, Kaydo.

Shaun was born on June 14, 1984, in Angola. His mother and stepfather, Rodney and Michelle K. (Ridenour) Mason Zimmerman of Angola, and his father and stepmother, Tommy and Sofia Zimmerman of Angola, survive.

Also surviving are his paternal grandmother, Margaret Zimmerman of Angola; a brother, Scott Zimmerman of Terre Haute; a sister, Samantha Zimmerman of Vandelia, Mo.; a half brother, Craig Burger of Japan; a half sister, Rhonda Ringler of Pa.; two stepbrothers, Patrick Mason of Little Rock, Ark., and Andrew Mason of Marshall, Ark.; and three stepsisters, Heidi Hanely of Angola, Heather McMaster of Wabash and Keri Richter of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Anna and Farrell Ridenour; his paternal grandfather, Keith Zimmerman; a niece, Jordan Zimmerman; and a nephew, Logan Zimmerman.

Calling will be today, Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home at 108 S. West St., Angola, from 4-8 p.m.

Services for Mr. Zimmerman will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with calling one hour prior to service.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Friends may sign a guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Voluntary manslaughter charged

Waltmire faces 2 Class A felonies after incident leads to 2 deaths

BY MATT GETTS
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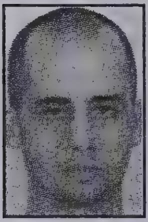
LAGRANGE — The man charged with shooting two men in his LaGrange residence on Saturday after an altercation involving allegedly stolen drugs was charged Wednesday in LaGrange Superior Court with two counts of Class A voluntary manslaughter.

Cory A. Waltmire, 25, was initially booked Saturday night into the LaGrange County Jail on a preliminary charge of possessing more than 30 grams of marijuana, a Class D felony. The felony drug possession charge was also officially filed Wednesday.


Waltmire

A Class A felony carries a sentencing range of 20 to 50 years.

Bond was set at $2,000,000 following a probable cause hearing Monday which was closed to the public. A new bond hearing with the added charges will be held today or Friday, according to LaGrange Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Wible.

Smith

Waltmire allegedly shot Shaun Austin Zimmerman, 24, of Angola and Jason McThene Smith, 26, of Fort Wayne at approximately 1:45 p.m. Saturday after they had allegedly beaten him and continued to threaten him in a dispute concerning allegedly stolen

Zimmerman

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WALTMIRE: *1.75 pounds of marijuana was found*

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marijuana. Police allegedly recovered the marijuana — 1.75 pounds — in a garage at Waltmire's address in the 200 block of West Central Avenue.

Following the shootings on Saturday, Waltmire went to the home of a police officer to report the incident.

According to Wible, the voluntary manslaughter charge was appropriate because Waltmire had told a detective in a taped interview he was "mad" after allegedly being beaten by Smith and Zimmerman.

According to Indiana Criminal Code 35-42-1-3, a person who kills another human being "while acting under sudden heat" has committed voluntary manslaughter. Voluntary manslaughter is a Class B felony, but it is raised to a Class A felony if a deadly weapon is used.

"I can't let people have gunfights and walk away," Wible said Wednesday afternoon. "You can't have that in a civilized society."

According to the affidavit for probable cause filed Wednesday, Waltmire allegedly told officers in a taped interview that he had been in Steuben County earlier that day when he received a phone call from Smith stating he wanted to meet with him about some marijuana that Waltmire had allegedly stolen from Smith.

The affidavit said Smith, Zimmerman and Waltmire drove to a junkyard where Zimmerman and Smith allegedly beat Waltmire. In the interview with police, Waltmire allegedly said he told Smith and Zimmerman that the marijuana was at his house in LaGrange, and he would give the drugs back to them if they drove him home.

Once they arrived at 203 W. Central Ave., Smith and Waltmire entered the house and Zimmerman stayed in or near the car, according to court records.

Waltmire went upstairs while Smith waited for him near the foot of the stairs. Waltmire retrieved a handgun from the upstairs bedroom and headed back downstairs.

According to the affidavit, Waltmire allegedly pointed the gun at Smith and shot him four times, three times in the torso and once in the head.

After Smith was shot, Zimmerman stepped to or through the back door to the residence, according to court documents. Police allege Waltmire then shot Zimmerman three times, two of the shots hitting Zimmerman in the torso.

Zimmerman died at Parkview LaGrange Hospital on Saturday. Smith was flown was flown to a Fort Wayne hospital where he died on Sunday.

Waltmire then went to a LaGrange police officer's home to report the incident. According to court records, Waltmire allegedly had the gun used in the shootings on his person when he went to the officer's home. The officer secured the weapon and placed Waltmire into custody.

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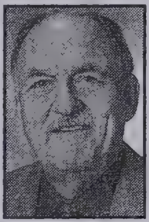
Donald Harter

ANGOLA — Loving father Donald Harter passed away suddenly at his home in Irasburg, Vermont, on Monday, May 11, 2009.

Donald was born in Angola, Indiana, where he lived until moving to Vermont in 2004.


Mr. Harter

His life's work was in the field of education. He completed his bachelor's degree at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, and attained his master's degree at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. He also completed more graduate course work in order to receive an administrative license in education.

He taught and worked as an administrator at Angola High School in Angola, Indiana, for 30 years. He also coached for the football and basketball teams and led the Hornet football team to its first regional title in 1992.

After retiring from Indiana, he moved to Vermont where he had served Lake Region Union High School as the assistant principal for two years and was in the process of completing his second year as principal.

He is survived by his daughter, Heather, who is a Spanish teacher at Lake Region Union High School, and a sister, Patricia Harter, who currently resides in Indiana.

He is the son of Marguerite Harter who also currently resides in Indiana and the late Lewis Harter.

Donald touched may people's lives throughout the years and he will be sorely and deeply missed by those lucky enough to have known him.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael Catholic Church near Waterloo, Indiana, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Interment will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery near Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to either the Frontier Animal Society, 502 Strawberry Acres, Newport, VT 05855 or the Steuben County Humane Society, 1700 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, IN 46703.

Fern Tripcony

COLUMBIA CITY — Fern E. "Peg" Tripcony, 83, of Columbia City died Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at Parkview Whitley Hospital where she had been a patient since May 5.

Mrs. Tripcony

Mrs. Tripcony had worked at Weatherhead in Columbia City from 1943 to 1953. She then joined Ion Capacitor Corp. and in 1960 she became the Columbia City Sears Roebuck catalog manager. In 1965 she began working for Holmes & Co. and in 1972 she went to work for Reelcraft, retiring in 1988.

She was a member Zion Lutheran Church, Columbia City Business and Professional Women, Little Turtle Trailseekers and National Campers and Hikers Association.

She graduated from Washington Township High School in 1943.

She was born Sept. 3, 1925, in Whitley County to Grover M. and Louise R. (Smith) Labar. She married John Tripcony on Aug. 9, 1944. He died March 8, 1999.

Surviving are two sons, Gordon L. (Judy) Tripcony of Pleasant Lake and Dennis E. (Kathy) Tripcony of Fort Collins, Colo.; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ralph Labar and Robert Labar; and three sisters, Berneice Labar, Dora Belle Labar and Marie Sims.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Zion Lutheran Church, 101 E. North St., Columbia City, with the Rev. Jerrold Nichols, church pastor, officiating.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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June Deal

EKLHART — The life and legacy of June E. Deal will be remembered and celebrated in a brief memorial gathering at 12 noon this Sunday, May 17th, in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2715 East Jackson Blvd., Elkhart.

Miss Deal

Miss Deal, of Greencroft Juniper Place in Goshen, passed away peacefully in her home Tuesday, March 31, 2009. She was 92 years young. Her earthly remains have been interred alongside those of her parents in Elkhart's Rice Cemetery.

June was born in LaGrange, IN, on August 23, 1916, as the only child of Clarence C. and Joyce (Lieberenz) Deal. The family lived in South Milford until moving to Elkhart in 1936.

June graduated from Kendallville (IN) High School and the University of Michigan, where she received her B.S. and M.A. degrees. Her 48-year career as an educator began in Michigan, where she taught for five years prior to joining the teaching and guidance staff of Elkhart High School. Her tenure at E.H.S. spanned 43 years, from 1943 until her retirement in 1987.

June remained vitally involved in a range of community, church, and professional activities and associations. Of note, she was instrumental in the founding of Elkhart's C.A.R.E.S., an in-school mentoring program. June served at Hawthorne Elementary School as one of the very first of what has since become roughly 1,800 volunteer mentors now providing encouragement and academic help to elementary students throughout the Elkhart Community Schools System.

Miss Deal was a life member of the National Education Association (N.E.A.) and the American Association of University Women (A.A.U.W.). Among her other affiliations were the D.A.R. (William Tuffs Chapter), the Order of the Eastern Star (Starlight Chapter), PEO (EA Chapter), and Elkhart's Four Arts.

Since her family's coming to Elkhart in 1936, Trinity United Methodist Church remained June's church home, where she was a dedicated member of the United Methodist Women's Circle.

She loved to travel and enjoyed watching basketball, football, and golf.

In 2000, June moved to Juniper Place in Goshen's Greencroft community. Her life of service included vigorous though quiet giving in Christ's name to her church as well as to numerous local, national and international charities.

As part of June's wish for continuing charitable gifting, an educational endowment fund has been set up to assist non-traditional students complete accredited degree programs. It is requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be directed to the June Deal Educational Fund, c/o Trinity United Methodist Church, 2715 East Jackson Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46516.

Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home in Elkhart is in charge of arrangements.

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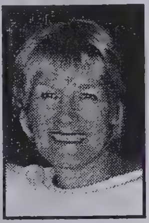
Sue Marker

ANGOLA — Sue Ann Marker, 61, of Angola died Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at her home on Lake James near Angola.

Mrs. Marker had moved to the area in 1986 from Downers Grove, Ill.


Mrs. Marker

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Marker had volunteered at many schools including Hendry Park Elementary in Angola and had been active in the PTA in Downers Grove.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. She was a former member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born July 28, 1947, in Aurora, Ill., to Joseph and Anna (Clear) Ciesielski. They survive in Angola.

She married Harry "Bud" Marker on Oct. 9, 1965. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three daughters, Jane and Tom Connolly of Downers Grove, Ill., Jeanine and Anthony Panepinto of South Bend and Sara Marker of Angola; a brother, Wayne Ciesielski of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Building Fund in memory of Sue Ann Marker.

Helen Donley

LAGRANGE — Helen L. Donley, 87, of LaGrange died Thursday, May 14, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Gabriella Rathge

BROWNSBURG — Gabriella Marie Rathge died May 13, 2009, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis after a valiant battle for survival. She was born May 10, 2009, to William R. "Rob" Rathge III and Anne (Clemens) Rathge of Brownsburg.

She was not seen by many, but loved by all who knew her. She will be remembered as a "Little Soldier" with a very strong will to live.

Surviving with her parents are her sister, Isabelle Rathge, at home; her paternal grandparents, William "Bill" R. Rathge Jr. and Dee-Anna (Soboslay) Rathge of Kendallville; her maternal grandparents, Joseph Clemens and Jennifer Clemens; aunts, Nicole Rathge, Katherine Clemens and Rebecca Khayum; and an uncle, Omar Khayum.

Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Matthews Mortuary, 690 E. 56th St., Brownsburg, Ind.

A memorial service will follow calling.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Gabriella "Ella" Rathge.

Visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/rathge to read about Gabriella.

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Longtime conservation officer James Wire dies at 92

HOWE — James A. Wire, 92, of Howe died Thursday, May 14, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He was born on July 11, 1916, in Fort Wayne to Lloyd M. and Belle Parent (Garver) Wire. On Aug. 1, 1940, in Fort Wayne he married Gwendolyn "Babe" Parrish; Mrs. Wire preceded him in death on Sept. 7, 2003.

Jim was a conservation officer from 1949 until 1978, and served his 29-year career in LaGrange County. He performed his regular duties as conservation officer with integrity, and was active in conservation education statewide and conducted gun and water safety clinics, teaching at youth camps and speaking to civic organizations.

He built a collection of more than 5,000 color slides as well as much film footage that was used for departmental training movies. He was also active in acquiring new wildlife areas and developing the Curtis Creek Fish Hatchery in LaGrange Co.

As a result of his dedication, he was selected as State Wildlife Conservationist of the Year. In 1965 he was cited by President Lyndon B. Johnson as National Wildlife Conservationist of the Year, and in early 1966, he and Gwen traveled to Washington, DC where he was awarded for his achievements by First Lady, Lady Byrd Johnson. He was also a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash Award.

Mr. Wire

Jim loved the Lord and read his Bible with vigor until he could no longer read due to his diabetes and was a member of Brighton Chapel in Howe. It is a great comfort to his children to know that he and their mother are home together with the Lord.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn D. and William Jacobs of Woodburn; a son and daughter-in-law, James R. and Shirley Wire of Howe; four grandchildren, Debbie Duesler, Kathy Cossairt and Jeff Wire, all of Howe, and Becky Jacobs of Woodburn; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and a sister, Bonnie Northrop of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Preceding him in death besides his wife were a grandson, Zak William Jacobs on Sept. 27, 1984; a sister, Marjorie Miller; and a brother, Lloyd Robert Wire.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at Brighton Chapel in Howe, with Revs. Jeremy Helmuth and Dwight Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in Howe.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 pm on Monday, May 18, 2009, at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials may be given to LaGrange County Parks Department.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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June Deal

ELKHART — The life and legacy of June E. Deal will be remembered and celebrated in a brief memorial gathering at 12 noon this Sunday, May 17th, in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2715 East Jackson Blvd., Elkhart.

Miss Deal

Miss Deal, of Greencroft Juniper Place in Goshen, passed away peacefully in her home Tuesday, March 31, 2009. She was 92 years young. Her earthly remains have been interred alongside those of her parents in Elkhart's Rice Cemetery.

June was born in LaGrange, IN, on August 23, 1916, as the only child of Clarence C. and Joyce (Lieberenz) Deal. The family lived in South Milford until moving to Elkhart in 1936.

June graduated from Kendallville (IN) High School and the University of Michigan, where she received her B.S. and M.A. degrees. Her 48-year career as an educator began in Michigan, where she taught for five years prior to joining the teaching and guidance staff of Elkhart High School. Her tenure at E.H.S. spanned 43 years, from 1943 until her retirement in 1987.

June remained vitally involved in a range of community, church, and professional activities and associations. Of note, she was instrumental in the founding of Elkhart's C.A.R.E.S., an in-school mentoring program. June served at Hawthorne Elementary School as one of the very first of what has since become roughly 1,800 volunteer mentors now providing encouragement and academic help to elementary students throughout the Elkhart Community Schools System.

Miss Deal was a life member of the National Education Association (N.E.A.) and the American Association of University Women (A.A.U.W.). Among her other affiliations were the D.A.R. (William Tuffs Chapter), the Order of the Eastern Star (Starlight Chapter), PEO (EA Chapter), and Elkhart's Four Arts.

Since her family's coming to Elkhart in 1936, Trinity United Methodist Church remained June's church home, where she was a dedicated member of the United Methodist Women's Circle.

She loved to travel and enjoyed watching basketball, football, and golf.

In 2000, June moved to Juniper Place in Goshen's Greencroft community. Her life of service included vigorous though quiet giving in Christ's name to her church as well as to numerous local, national and international charities.

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Allen Callender

HAMILTON LAKE — Allen Keith "Dutch" Callender, 93, died peacefully Tuesday, May 12, 2009, in his retirement cottage on the north shore of Hamilton Lake.

Mr. Callender had owned Callender's Dairy. He had been employed at Day Oil Co. and with the U.S. Postal Service both as a clerk and postmaster.

He was a graduate of Edgerton High School in Edgerton, Ohio.

Mr. Callender was drafted into the U.S. Army as a private during World War II and rose to the rank of Warrant Officer.

He was a member of the Edgerton American Legion Post for more than 65 years and had served as district and state commander.

Mr. Callender was also a member of the Edgerton Rotary Club, the Lions Club and the Edgerton Historical Society.

He was the son of Glen and Vesta (Brown) Callender.

On Dec. 28, 1938, he and Georgetta Day eloped to Toledo, Ohio. After 63 years of marriage, Georgetta died in 2001.

Surviving are four daughters, Elizabeth Wirick of Sylvania, Ohio, Diana Herkimer of Rancho Mirage, Calif., Alana Callender of Rock Island, Ill., and Sara Stark Flynn of Ukiah, Calif.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Gwen Mullendore of Snow Lake and Doris Flowers of Edgerton, Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Melvin Callender of Edgerton.

Military graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton. A celebration of "Dutch's" life will be held from 1-4 p.m. May 30 at the Edgerton Senior Center in Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice Care, 416 E. Maumee, Angola, IN 46703 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

The family wishes to express their loving gratitude to his dedicated caretakers, Shirley Humphrey, Cathy Thompson, Joyce Grimm and Karen Jones. He was also given many years of love and care from three "Hospice Angels" — Connie Schweyer, Lindsay Steury and Jan Becker.

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Butler man shot dead

Body found in rural airport near Waterloo

JEFF JONES

Investigators study possible clues to a fatal shooting Friday afternoon at Walker-Rowe Airport, east of Waterloo at 4529 U.S. 6. Police were called to the airport's hangar after a body was found on the floor inside.

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WATERLOO — Police are investigating a fatal shooting Friday at the Walker-Rowe Airport, a grass-strip airport two miles east of Waterloo on U.S. 6.

Raymond Edward Morrow, 63, of rural Butler was found dead on the floor of a building at the airport, said Sgt. Ron Galaviz, public information officer for the Indiana State Police.

Morrow was the proprietor of a flea market at the airport, said Indiana State Police detective Mark Heffelfinger, the lead investigator in the case.

A man from Ohio stopped at the flea market to shop just before 1:45 p.m. and found the body inside on the floor, said Chief Deputy Jay Oberholtzer of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

Police said the victim had one or more gunshot wounds. An autopsy this afternoon will officially determine the cause of death.

The man who discovered the body told police he saw a cash drawer lying on the floor, Oberholtzer said.

"It appears that the register was gone through," Heffelfinger said.

The witness called police and hailed a passing motorcyclist for help. The first rescue personnel to

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arrive confirmed that Morrow was dead, Oberholtzer said.

Crime-scene technicians from the sheriff's department and Indiana State Police were conducting an investigation along with the DeKalb County Prosecutor's Office and coroners from DeKalb and Steuben counties, he said. The Waterloo Marshal's Department and Auburn Police Department also were assisting at the crime scene.

"There's a lot of good people working on it. I'm confident this will be solved," Oberholtzer said.

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Colleagues dedicate memorial to doctor

BY LINDSAY WINSLOW BROWN
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AUBURN — For a man who never had difficulty putting his shoes to use, the late Dr. Frank Cyran's shoes have been difficult to fill.

Family, friends and coworkers gathered at the Northeastern Center's inpatient hospital in Auburn Friday afternoon to dedicate a plaque in memory of Cyran, who died in a car accident Feb. 6, 2008.

Cyran worked as a psychiatrist at the center from 1987 until his death and served as director of the regional mental health facility.

Following his death, Cyran's colleagues said they often heard stories about his generosity.

"His patients would say, 'He saw my shoes were worn, so he gave me a pair of his,'" said the center's chief clinical officer, Steve Howell.

Cyran's family revealed that he often bought new shoes only to give them away to one of his patients a few days later.

The center's chief executive officer, Jerry Hollister, compared Cyran to George Bailey, the main character in Frank Capra's film, "It's A Wonderful Life."

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LINDSAY WNSLOW BROWN

Hannah Cyran, 16, gently touches the bronze face of her father, the late Dr. Frank Cyran, who worked as a psychiatrist at the Northeastern Center in Auburn until his tragic death in 2008. A plaque bearing his image was dedicated in his honor Friday afternoon.

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CYRAN: *Co-worker says psychiatrist made difference*

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In the film, George Bailey saw the difference he made in the lives of the people of fictional Bedford Falls by watching life unfold as if he never existed.

Had Cyran not existed, Hollister said, life would have been more like the movie's Pottersville — the slum neighborhood Bedford Falls would've become if it weren't for George Bailey.

"He mattered, and he made a difference," Hollister said of Cyran.

The difference Cyran made may be most evident in his children's studies toward medical careers. His daughter, Kate, 32, is working to become a pediatric neurologist. Daughter, Libby, 27, is a public health nurse. One son, Michael, 24, is in his second year of study to become a chiropractor. Son, Jake, 19, is studying at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis and hopes to become a doctor. Daughter, Hannah, 16, is a varsity basketball player at DeKalb High School. She said every time she plays, she thinks of her dad, who was an all-state basketball player in West Virginia when he was in high school.

"We're working hard to use all the gifts our parents and God gave us," Jake Cyran said.

The Family of
JOHN F. CHAMBERLIN

would like to express our appreciation to Hite Funeral Home, Reverend Steve Britten Ham, Parkview Noble Hospital staff, Dr. Christopher Frazier, EMS staff, friends and family for the help, food, cards and support given to us in the loss of our father. Thank you all so much!

Cecil & Becky Crotts & Family
Gayle & Angie Chamberlin & Family
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Teacher touched many lives

BY SUE CARPENTER
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Ron Weimer was said to be a firm but fair disciplinarian to his students and four sons. He and wife Nancy are shown with sons Dan and Dean, in front, and Dennis and David.

GARRETT — Nancy Weimer looks over stacks of cards her family received during her husband Ron's illness and following his death May 2 of esophageal cancer.

"Ron would tell me, 'I don't deserve all of this fuss. I have never been anything special. I am a teacher.' He didn't know how appreciated he was," she said.

Ron Weimer touched many lives in the area, having taught 36 years in DeKalb Central and Garrett schools, coaching track, basketball and football, and serving on the Garrett school board and as and elder at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

More than 850 friends, former students and players showed their appreciation by waiting over two hours to tell the family how much Mr. Weimer impacted their lives. Many more attended a service the following day in the high school auditorium commemorating his years as an educator.

When paying their respects to the family, several recalled Ron's firm discipline in the classroom. Three infractions stood out the most: tardiness, excuses for missing homework — and gum chewing.

"It's a rule in Mr. Weimer's class: After a certain number of warnings, you had to put your gum on your nose and stand in front of the class," Nancy said.

"All the students said — over and over — 'He may have been firm, but he was still my favorite teacher,'" she added.

In their condolences, former students conveyed how their former teacher and coach helped them become the people they are today.

"He cared about all the kids a lot — not only the star basketball player, but all of them. They had the same discipline as the rest."

It was the same as when he was a coach of football, basketball or track: You break the rules, you will be disciplined, she said.

"He was the boss," recalled youngest son Dean, who now teaches sixth-grade social studies at Garrett Middle School.

"Some students he touched quite literally," he said, referring to a time when paddling was allowed in schools.

Even Ron's son, Dennis, was not spared the rod when he showed up

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late one too many times in his father's classroom. And as with most parents, when he got paddled at school, he got it again when he went home, Nancy said.

"He was old-school if ever there was, and personally, I miss a lot of that," Dean remarked at the memorial service.

"It was easy being his son," Dr. Dan Weimer said — as long as you remembered Ron's basic rules.

Being up and ready for Sunday school was at the top of the list. If one of the boys wasn't able to go to church that morning, he was not allowed to enjoy other activities that same day.

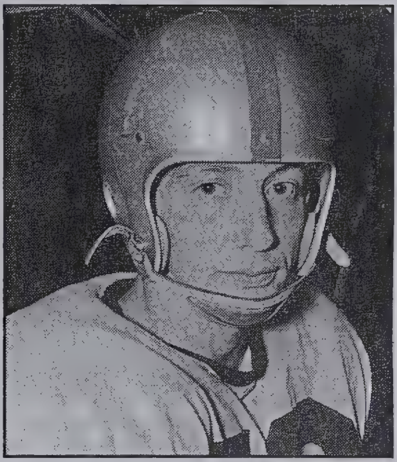
Another basic was that when you started something, you didn't quit.

"Use your head" was one of his dad's favorite sayings, Dan said.

A former high school football player, Ron Weimer downplayed his importance to the 1957 Railroaders squad. However, he played a major role in winning a 1957 championship for Garrett, according to Dave Weimer. He went on to run track and play football at Manchester College before returning to marry his high school sweetheart in 1962.

Ron's first teaching job was at Waterloo Elementary School. He then moved on to the junior high in Auburn, which merged into the new DeKalb Central district. He later joined Garrett-Keyser-Butler schools, retiring in 1997.

As a teacher, Ron spent many summers reroofing area homes to provide for his wife and four sons. When they were old enough, sons Dave and Dennis were his assistants.



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Ron Weimer played a significant role in a 1957 football championship for Garrett High School.

Shortly before his death, Ron asked Dave to take him for a ride in the car on what was to become his last outing.

"We drove around on a Saturday afternoon and saw all the roofs we had put down around town," Dave recalled.

Ron was a man of few words who neither complained nor talked much about his suffering, family members said.

"Dad gave us many blessings," said Dean. "He introduced us to God."

Ron told family members that he looked forward to a reunion with his son, Dennis, who died at age 23 in an auto accident, and with his brother, Roger.

"He only said he wanted to stay a bit longer to talk to people about God," Dean Weimer said.

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Multiple shots killed Butler man

Several handguns stolen during crime at flea market on U.S. 6

BY DAVE KURTZ
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WATERLOO — Multiple gunshot wounds killed a Butler man Friday, and police are searching for his killer.

An autopsy Saturday confirmed the cause of death for Raymond Edward Morrow, 63, of rural Butler, said Indiana State Police detective Mark Heffelfinger.

Morrow operated a flea market at Walker-Rowe Airport, two miles east of Waterloo, where a shopper arrived to find him dead on the floor around 1:45 p.m. Friday.

"The motive for this is unknown. However, we do believe that money was taken, as well as a several handguns," Heffelfinger said.

Morrow sold handguns at the flea market, Heffelfinger added.

Police are asking for information from anyone who drove by the flea market on U.S. 6 and saw anyone there between 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Heffelfinger said.

Someone was with Morrow until 11:30 a.m., and after that he was operating the market alone, the detective said.

Anyone with tips about the killing may call Indiana State Police, (800) 552-0976, or the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, 925-3365.

An obituary for Mr. Morrow appears on page A4 of today's edition. It says he worked most of his life as a truck driver, was an avid antique collector and enjoyed running his flea market in his spare time.

Julia Fraley

HAMILTON — Julia M. "Judy" (Siebenaler) Fraley, 69, of Hamilton, died at 7 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2009, in St. Joseph's Medical Center, Fort Wayne, where she was a patient.

She worked as a bookkeeper at the Speed-E-Mart in Angola, retiring in 1996 after more than 20 years of service.

She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and the Steuben County Home Extension Club.

On Feb. 24, 1940, she was born in Defiance, Ohio, the daughter of Donald and Dorothy (Frager) Siebenaler. She married Deloy Fraley on June 24, 1967, in Angola. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherri and Mike Kasson, Woodville, Ohio, and Laurie Kaiser, Hamilton; two sons, Joel Kaiser, Angola, and Kenneth E. Kaiser, Hamilton; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Donna Siebenaler, Edgerton, Ohio; and a sister, Dolores Kelley, Bryan, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son David.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

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Helen Donley

LAGRANGE — Helen L. Donley, 87, of LaGrange, died at 4:15 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mrs. Donley

She was born on July 18, 1921, in Sturgis, Mich., to William and Nettie (Kielkopf) Whitsel. She married Fay Donley on June 30, 1945. He preceded her in death on Jan. 3, 1999.

Mrs. Donley had worked at Mid West Tool & Cutlery in Sturgis, Mich. She retired in the late 1970s.

She enjoyed reading, traveling and loved crocheting baby blankets to donate to charities. She loved her sister, daughters, grandchildren and especially her two great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Howe United Methodist Church, AARP and the Council on Aging in LaGrange.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Carol Stump, LaGrange, and Sherry and Thomas Mason, Howe; a sister, Mona Tobias, Sturgis, Mich.; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, her parents and a granddaughter, Kasey Mason in 1997, preceded her in death.

According to her wishes, cremation will take place.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 23, 2009, at the Riverside Cemetery, Howe, with Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Memorials are to Great Food For All, c/o LaGrange First Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange IN 46761.

Condolences may be sent online to www.carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Morrow

BUTLER — Raymond E. Morrow, 63, of Butler died Friday, May 15, 2009, at Walker-Rowe Airport in rural Waterloo.

Mr. Morrow worked most of his life as truck driver, retiring from Cookie Carriers in Butler.

He was an avid antique collector, and in his spare time enjoyed running his flea market. He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson, but most of all loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Feb. 20, 1946, to Earl Morrow and Delores (DeLong) Spencer. He married Janet Powers on March 17, 1964, in Butler and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry Aldrich of Fort Wayne, and Sheila and Eric Burnett of Fort Wayne; a son-in-law, Bruce Everetts of Muncie; two sisters, Yulonda Girardot of Florida, and Penny Weeks of Georgia; four brothers, David Morrow of Butler, Lloyd Morrow of Hamilton, Roger Morrow of Waterloo, and Larry Morrow of Fremont; 10 grandchildren, Philip, Jackie, Andrew and Katie Everetts, all of Muncie, Eric, Nathan and Janelle Aldrich of Fort Wayne, and Sharayah Ruble, Mya Bolden, and Eryka Burnett, all of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Shelly Everetts, a brother, Dallas Oberlin, and a sister, Edith Thiel.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Butler mayor dies in crash

BY BOB BRALEY AND JEFF JONES
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PIONEER, Ohio — Butler Mayor Floyd "Butch" Coburn was killed in a motorcycle crash near the village of Pioneer in northwest Ohio Sunday afternoon.

Coburn

Coburn, 65, was riding with a group of friends, all on motorcycles, traveling westbound on U.S. 20 just west of S.R. 15 at about 3:16 p.m., according to investigating officer Sgt. Elias Jimenez of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The group was planning a left turn to go to a motorcycle apparel shop, and Michael D. Wasson, 58, of Butler, swerved to avoid a motorcycle that was slowing, Jimenez said. Coburn failed to maintain assured clear distance, and Coburn's motorcycle struck Wasson's.

Coburn's 2005 Honda motorcycle went off the road and rolled, and he was ejected. He was pronounced dead at the scene, Jimenez said. Wasson was uninjured. Both men wore helmets.

Coburn was in the second year of his second term as mayor of Butler. Before that, he served as a

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Evelyn Teegardin

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn A. Teegardin, 92, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

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city judge for 10 years.

Coburn was a familiar site at Eastside Jr.-Sr. High School basketball games. He ran the scoreboard for the girls games and was the clock operator for boys games for many years.

News of Coburn's death spread quickly through the small DeKalb County city.

Council president Ron Walter said a Butler City Council meeting scheduled for tonight would still be held, but that meeting would be "very brief" in light of the circumstances.

Walter said he will remember Coburn as being a "real people person. That's the best definition I can think of for Butch. He was always available, and did a lot of other things than just being mayor."

Other council members said they will remember Coburn for the good things he did. "He enjoyed life. He loved kids. Anything that helped kids he was for it." said Tammy Davis, council member. "He's going to be missed; he was very well liked by everyone."

Ken Olin, council member said: "Mayor Coburn was very dedicated to the city. He did his best to be a very good mayor and we're going to miss him."

"I just can't believe it," Kendallville Mayor Suzanne Handshoe said Sunday evening. "He was a very positive, spirited person. I really enjoyed his company."

Coburn and Handshoe were elected as first-term mayors in 2004, and attended the same Mayor's School.

According to Handshoe, Coburn was an active member in the Mayor's Round Table in northeastern Indiana.

He attended the Christmas party for mayors which Handshoe hosted in Kendallville last December.

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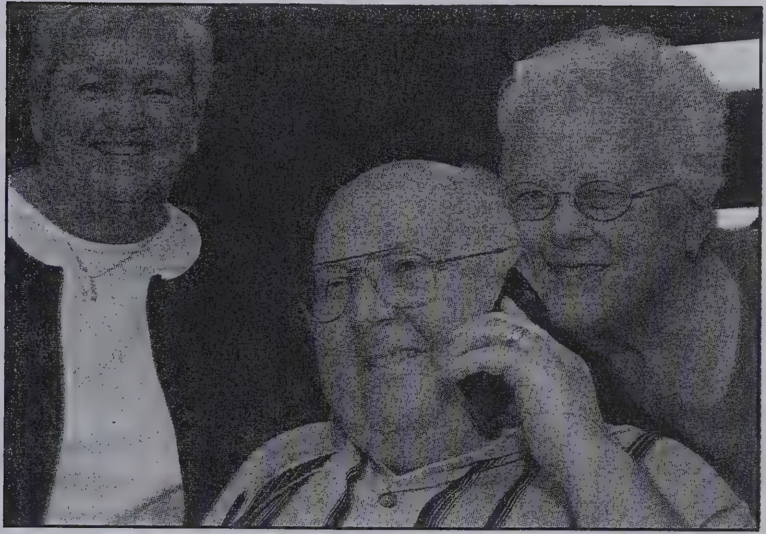

FILE PHOTO

In November 2007, Butler Mayor Floyd "Butch" Coburn makes a phone call to deliver news of his re-election victory. His wife, Dozzy, left, and his "second mom," Marceline Davis of Auburn, congratulate him.

'Everybody's grandpa'

Butler mourns Mayor Coburn

BY JEFF JONES
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BUTLER — News of Mayor Floyd "Butch" Coburn's death spread quickly through the Butler community, after he died in a motorcycle accident Sunday afternoon near Pioneer, Ohio.

Monday morning, flags flew at half-mast in front of Butler City Hall and the Butler Police Department.

A somber mood prevailed at the Butler Eat'N Haus restaurant, a popular destination for Coburn, 64, his family and friends.

"The mayor's table," a round table in the corner of the smoking section, was situated so Coburn and his wife, Dozzy, could see and greet everyone who patronized the restaurant, according to waitress Lisa Langford.

On some occasions, restaurant staff members put together three tables to accommodate everyone who wanted to sit with Coburn.

"We just decided one day (to get a round table), because Butch's table kept getting bigger and bigger," Langford explained.

It wasn't unusual for as many as 12 people to sit around the table at once. From 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each morning, up to 20 people may have taken turns sitting at the

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"mayor's table."

"It's sad. It's unimaginable the loss," Langford said Monday.

"All the young kids high-fived him. You have to have love to give love. He was everybody's grandpa," Langford added. "He's family to everybody. We all feel a great loss … It's been nothing but tears all day long."

The restaurant even featured items Coburn had requested, such as a three-leg chicken dinner, corned beef hash, butter beans, chicken and rice soup, and red raspberry pie, according to Langford and Butler Eat'N Haus owner Robin Helbert.

"There's so many little things at the restaurant that are Butch … all these little things that remind you," Langford said.

Butler Common Council president Ron Walter said he will remember Coburn as being a "real people person — that's the best definition I can think of for Butch. He was always available and did a lot of other things than just being mayor."

Other council members said they will remember Coburn for the good things he did.

"He enjoyed life. He loved kids. Anything that helped kids. he was for it." Council member Tammy Davis said.

"He's going to be missed; he was very well liked by everyone."

Councilman Ken Olin said, "Mayor Coburn was very dedicated to the city. He did his best to be a very good mayor and we're going to miss him."

"He cared a lot about the city and making a lot of programs in the city move forward," added Councilman Eric Johnson.

"It was a profound and tragic loss for the community," Councilwoman Sue Moore said. "He will be missed."

Athletic director Aaron Willard doesn't know how long Coburn had kept the scorebook at girls basketball games or the clock at the boys basketball games. Whenever there was a game, though, Willard knew he could count on Coburn to be there.

"He was dependable," Willard said. "He loved doing it and loved being around the kids, not only at the varsity level, but the junior high games. I think he enjoyed the interaction with the kids and Eastside High School."

Since news of Coburn's death, Willard said he's received correspondence from several basketball officials.

"They all knew him," Willard said. "Every time there was a game, they knew him by name, and knew what he did.

"That's what strikes you how far-reaching it is when something like this happens. He's touched a lot of different people in a lot of different ways," Willard added.

"There's a lot of pillars in our community, and he was one of them. He would do anything for Eastside High School and the community of Butler. He'll be sorely missed."

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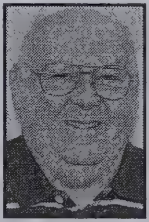
Floyd Coburn

BUTLER — Butler Mayor Floyd C. "Butch" Coburn, 64, of Butler died Sunday, May 17, 2009, near Pioneer, Ohio, from injuries he sustained in a traffic accident.


Mr. Coburn

Mr. Coburn had served as Butler's mayor for five years. Prior to that, he was the Butler City Judge for 10 years.

He has also worked for 22 years at Universal Tool and Stamping and for 13 years at Nucor Fastener.

Mr. Coburn was actively involved in Eastside High School athletics for more than 25 years as both a scorekeeper and clock operator.

He was a graduate of St. Joe High School.

Mr. Coburn was a member of the Butler Nazarene Church, Butler Eagles, Butler American Legion, Butler Rotary, Gold Wing Association, former member of Concord Fire Department and original member of the Butler unit of the DeKalb County EMS.

He was born Oct. 13, 1944, in Auburn to Kenneth and Zola (Wolford) Coburn. He married DeNeal "Dozzy" Brown on April 24, 1993, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are seven sons, Denny (Missy) Coburn of Defiance, Ohio, Noah Thacker of Fort Wayne, Mark Coburn of Butler, Bruce Coburn of Shelby, Ohio, Scott Coburn of Michigan City; Butch (Lisa) Coburn of Grover Hill, Ohio, and Ron (Chris) Baker of Butler; two daughters, Penny Coburn Harrison of Leo, Ind., and Sheila Coburn of Palm Springs, Calif.; 26 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Shirley Mack; and two sons, William Coburn and Gregory Thacker.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Eastside High School Auditorium, 603 E. Green St., Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, and one hour prior to services at the auditorium on Thursday.

Memorials are to the Butler Nazarene Church or DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Evelyn Teegardin

HAMILTON — Evelyn Alberta (Everitt) Teegardin, 92, of Hamilton died Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Kingston Continuing Care in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Rick Hawks officiating. Burial will be in Teegardin Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Faith Zumwalt

TULSA, Okla. — Faith Joan (Getts) Zumwalt, 71, of Tulsa and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died Thursday, May 14, 2009, at her home.

Memorial services were held Monday, May 18, 2009, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Tulsa.

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Thank You

From the children of Paul & Pat Bolinger who wish to extend a sincere thank you to family & friends for their flowers & gifts. We would also like to thank the Legion, Auxiliary Post 240 in Avilla, Rosary Society & K of C of St. Mary's.

Barry, Bruce & Brad Bolinger
Charlene Stomm, Chuck & Paul Rhodes

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone at the Hite Funeral Home for all the special care for Judy. We want to thank Earl Tackett & Philip Puckett for the wonderful service they gave. Also, thanks to all of our friends & neighbors for flowers, food, cards & prayers & the brothers & sisters at church.
May God always bless you all.

THE FAMILY OF
JUDY LOU CASSIDAY

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Goodbye, Maggie

Margaret Tarney Ewing, well-known Kendallville figure, dies at 75

BY AMY OBERLIN
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Ewing

KENDALLVILLE — Well-known Kendallville figure and longtime News Sun Lifestyle editor Margaret "Maggie" Tarney Ewing, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Ewing worked for 35 years at The News Sun, and wore numerous hats in the community. She retired from the newspaper nearly a decade ago, but her footprint remained in the newsroom and throughout the greater Kendallville area. She recently organized a benefit

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'MAGGIE': *Ewing was involved in numerous community groups*

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concert featuring Hoosier instrumental group The Marlins to raise funds for the Friendship Food Pantry, county animal shelter and the Kendallville Day Care Center.

KPC Media Group publisher Terry Housholder, in a column written as she retired from the paper in 2001, described her as "dedicated, concerned and connected."

She started out as a part-time typesetter on Oct. 3, 1965, then worked in composing, as a receptionist and as classified advertising manager. She sold display ads for awhile, then took to writing. She served as lifestyle editor and obituary writer, marking 25 years in the editorial department at The News Sun.

"She was a quick learner and a natural for the job," said Housholder.

Born in Kendallville and a graduate of Kendallville High School, Ewing was the daughter of Dale and Harriet Eshelman of Kendallville. She was married to the late Warren Tarney for 40 years and later married Robert Ewing of Kendallville.

Maggie had worked for Indiana Bell Telephone Co. in Kendallville for 4 1/2 years before working at The News Sun.

She also served on the Kendallville Day Care Center Board of Directors 16 years and was secretary for 12. For several years she was on the board of directors of the Humane Society of Noble County. She is a life member of McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and had volunteered for both the hospital and Compre-Care. She is a former member and secretary of the Mental Health Association; a longtime member and officeholder of the Kendallville Business & Professional Women's Club; a longtime member and officeholder of Charm and Chatter Extension Homemakers' Club; a member and second vice president of the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society; and a member of the American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary and VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary, both of Kendallville.

She worked closely with senior citizen groups, school organizations, Red Cross bloodmobiles and Community Concerts and was involved in Kendallville Jaycees projects over the years. In 1997, the Jaycees made her a lifetime honorary Jaycee, the only non-member to earn that honor.

She was active in the Trinity Church United Methodist, playing piano and working with the youth.

Services for Mrs. Ewing can be found on Page A4 of today's edition.

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Margaret Tarney Ewing

KENDALLVILLE — Former Lifestyle Editor of The News Sun Margaret J. "Maggie" Tarney Ewing, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 19, 2009, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ewing

Mrs. Ewing had retired from The News Sun with 35 years of service.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 22, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville.

Calling will be Thursday, May 21, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, Kendallville Food Pantry or the Kendallville Day Care Center.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Judy Baird

CROMWELL — Judy A. Baird, age 63, of Cromwell went to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 17, 2009, at 4 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen. She had been battling cancer since fall of 2004.

She was born on September 7, 1945, in Wolcottville and was the daughter of Walter and Grace (nee Hale) Rose.

Mrs. Baird has been a member of the community since 1985 coming from Galesburg, Illinois.

On April 20, 1968, she married Robert Baird in Kendallville. He survives in Cromwell.

She was the office manager for Depew Heating and Plumbing in Ligonier for several years, she served as a financial adviser for many residents at Avalon Village Nursing Home, and also worked at Lake City Bank in Ligonier and Cromwell.

Mrs. Baird was a member of Hope Church in Atwood and enjoyed many church activities.

Her other hobbies include reading, enjoying the outdoors, fishing, flower gardening and traveling.

Surviving with her husband, Robert Baird of Cromwell, are a brother, Earl Rose Sr. of Wolcottville; and sisters, Beulah (Harold) Grate of Corunna, and Helen Ream of Huntsville, Alabama.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Donald Rose.

Funeral service for Mrs. Baird will be Thursday, Ma 21, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funera Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. Pastor Dan Grunsetj will officiate. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Calling will be from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. before the service on Thursday.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Donald Opdycke

PLEASANT LAKE — Donald J. Opdycke, 89, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, May 18, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Assembly of God Church in Angola.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Assembly of God Church or Gideon's International.

Richard Hazelton

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Joseph Hazelton, 40, of Kendallville died unexpectedly at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Rebecca Gratton

LIGONIER — Rebecca (Kathy Koble) Gratton, 51, of Ligonier died Monday, May 18, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

She had recently been employed at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier.

She was a member of Burr Oak Church of Ligonier.

A native of Syracuse, she was born Dec. 14, 1957, to Richard Keith and Patricia (Kitson) Koble.

Surviving are her mother, Patricia Koble of Ligonier; two brothers, Kris Koble of Griffith and J.J. Koble of Ligonier; and a nephew, Kyle Koble of Griffith.

She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Koble.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Shell officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery at Syracuse.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Burr Oak Church of Ligonier.

James Snellenberger

GREENFIELD — L. James Snellenberger, 88, of Greenfield and formerly of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield.

Celebration of life services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, Pasco Chapel, in Greenfield with the Rev. John Paulson officiating. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery in Greenfield with military graveside rites provided by Greenfield Veterans Honor Guard.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In honor of his wife, Juanita, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St. STE B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46209-7109.

Online condolences may be submitted to www.stillingerfamilyfuneralhome.com.

The family of Carmel Mitchell would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and calls in her memory. A special thank you to the ladies of Lighthouse Tabernacle Church for the delicious food they prepared, and to Pastors Glen Patrick and DeWayne Johnson for the services. A special thank you to Eddie and Mildred Senter, and Merle Jacobs, for being special neighbors and all their help.

Claude Mitchell
Danny and Nila Mitchell
Chad, Bret, Chase

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Albion, IN
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THE NEWS SUN
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Danny Fugate

WOLCOTTVILLE — Danny Michael Fugate, 41, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at 2:55 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for several years, and had been in the hospital since December.

Mr. Fugate

Mr. Fugate was a lifetime area resident. He had last worked at A-1 Production in Kendallville, and previously worked at Starcraft in Goshen.

He was a NASCAR racing fan and claimed to be the number one fan of Jeff Gordan. He also enjoyed playing bingo.

He loved his grandchildren, children, and especially his wife. He was dearly loved and will be missed by his family.

He was born July 1, 1967, in LaGrange to Danny and Toni (Jordan) Fugate. They preceded him in death on November 5, 1979. He was raised in Rome City by his aunt and uncle, Shirley Jordan, Rome City, and Larry Criswell, Wolcottville.

He was married May 11, 1990, in Wolcottville to Lisa K. Holliday. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Angel Fugate and her companion, Josh Williams, of Wolcottville and Danielle Fugate, at home; a son, Cody Fugate, at home; two grandchildren, Tyson Williams and Trenton Williams; three brothers, Jerry Fugate, Curtis Fugate and Mark Fugate all of Rome City; and his grandmother, Betty Barr of Wolcottville.

He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Earl Jordan and Leonard and Vernie Fugate.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Grace Christian Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Chris Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City. Casketbearers will be Cody Fugate, Travis Holliday, Eric Keck, Larry Criswell, Josh Williams, Terry Wertz, Mark Fugate and Burt Watson.

Calling is Friday, May 22, 2009, after 2 p.m. at the church where there will be an evening service at 6 p.m.

A benefit had been planned for Danny on June 6 at Taylor Park in Wolcottville, and it will still be held to help the family with their expenses. Therefore, preferred memorials are to the Danny Fugate Benefit Fund, in care of Farmers State Bank, 107 N. Main St., Wolcottville, IN 46795.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Donald Opdycke

PLEASANT LAKE — Donald J. Opdycke, 89, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, May 18, 2009, Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Opdycke had been a supervisor at Dana Weatherhead in Angola and had retired in 1982 after 37 years of service. He had owned Opdycke's Indoor Horseshoe Courts.

He was a member of the Angola Assembly of God Church and Gideons International.

Mr. Opdycke was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born June 25, 1919, in Hudson to Henry and Eva (Myers) Opdycke. He married Marian A. Coles on June 18, 1960. She survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are two sons, Dean and Liz Opdycke of Fremont and Randy and Karen Mills of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Jean and Doug Dyson of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Heyman and Floyd Opdycke; and three sisters, Addy Farrington, Vivian Koon and Mattie Opdycke.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Assembly of God Church in Angola with the Rev. Ron Moore officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the Assembly of God Church or Gideons International.

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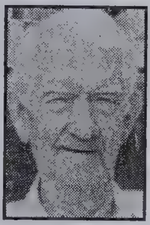
L. James Snellenberger

GREENFIELD — L. James Snellenberger, 88, of Greenfield passed away Tuesday morning, May 19, 2009, at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield.

He was born December 15, 1920, in Kendallville, Indiana, to the late L. George and Fannie J. (Baxter) Snellenberger.



Mr. Snellenberger

He worked for Newnam Foundry in Kendallville for 36 years as a core maker.

Mr. Snellenberger served his country as a tank commander during World War II in the 1st Armored Division of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Greenfield CONTACT _Con-3DE660E31C American Legion Post 119.

He was a former member of Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and a member of the Greenfield Presbyterian Church.

He dearly loved and enjoyed his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, E. Juanita (Turner) Snellenberger whom he married on January 24, 1943; a son, James C. (Alice) Snellenberger of Greenfield; a daughter, Janie C. (Charles) McKay of Pahrump, Nev.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, Pasco Chapel, in Greenfield with the Rev. John Paulson officiating. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery in Greenfield with military graveside rites provided by Greenfield Veterans Honor Guard.

Friends may call Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In honor of his wife Juanita, memorial contributions may be made to, Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St. STE B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46209-7109.

Online condolences may be submitted to www.stillingerfamilyfuneralhome.com.

John Bair

SOUTH BEND — Pastor John A. Bair, 68, of South Bend died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bethel Tabernacle, 110 Ironwood Drive, Niles, Mich. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery in South Bend.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Bethel Tabernacle.

Kahloe Clark

KENDALLVILLE — Kahloe London Clark, 8 months, died at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Among her survivors are her parents, Dustin and Brystarr Clark of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Michael Emme

ROME CITY — Michael G. Emme, 58, of Rome City and formerly of Fort Wayne died at 3:37 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place.

There are no services planned at this time.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Margaret Tarney Ewing

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Joan "Maggie" Tarney Ewing, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 19, 2009, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there for the past week.

Mrs. Ewing

Mrs. Ewing was a lifetime area resident, and graduated from Kendallville High School.

Maggie had retired from The News Sun in Kendallville after 35 years of service. She started working there on October 3, 1965. She worked in composing, as a receptionist, was the classified advertising manager for eight years, sold display advertising, and in 1977 became the Lifestyle editor and obituary writer. Prior to that she worked for Indiana Bell Telephone for 4 1/2 years.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, where she was active in the church's music program as a pianist for the "8:30 Singers" and the Kids' Club.

She was a member since 1960 of the Charm and Chatter Extension Homemakers' Club, serving as past president, secretary, and was in charge of publicity. Since 1982, she had been a member of the board of directors of the Kendallville Day Care Center where she served as secretary and was in charge of publicity. She was a life member of the McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and did publicity for the auxiliary. She was a 16-year member of the Kendallville Business & Professional Women's Club, serving as vice president, secretary, and in charge of publicity. She was a member and secretary of the Noble County Mental Health Association; member of American Legion Auxiliary Post 86; VFW Auxiliary Post 2749; and Gene Stratton-Porter Society.

In April 1996, she was made an honorary lifetime member of the Kendallville Jaycees, the only nonmember to earn that honor. She also did the publicity for the American Red Cross Bloodmobiles for many years, and had volunteered at the hospital and CompreCare Home Health.

Maggie enjoyed her family, people in general, her church, children and animals, music and playing the piano, raising and loving her Yorkshire terriers, crocheting, sewing, crossword puzzles, reading and watching television.

She was born May 27, 1933, in Kendallville to Dale M. and Harriet (Prentice) Eshelman. They preceded her in death. On March 21, 1953, in Kendallville she married Warren E. Tarney Jr. He preceded her in death on June 29, 1993. On November 25, 2000, in Kendallville she married Robert Ewing. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Steven Tagtmeyer of Gulf Shores, Alabama; a son and daughter-in-law, Jon J. and Jill L. Tarney of LaGrange; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Kennedy of Garrett; two stepsons and their spouses, Steven P. and Connie Ewing of Waynesdale, Ohio, and Robert T. and Carol Ewing of Churubusco; eight grandchildren, Danielle Tagtmeyer, Ashley Tarney, Aislinn Tarney, Sean Tarney, Andrea Sibert, Luke Sibert, Isaac Tyler Tarney, and Alyse Nicole Tarney; seven stepgrandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Frank Austin of Crown Point.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 22, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison officiating. Private graveside services will be at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is today, Thursday, May 21, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, Kendallville Food Pantry or the Kendallville Day Care Center.

THE NEWS SUN
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Mayor touched many lives

BY JEFF JONES
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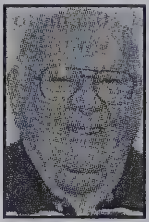
BUTLER — The Butler community bid goodbye to a friend Thursday.

Escorted by a motorcade of motorcycles, police cars and friends and family, Mayor Floyd "Butch" Coburn was laid to rest in Butler Cemetery.

Coburn died Sunday near Pioneer, Ohio, as he was returning from a motorcycle trip.

During an 11 a.m. service at Eastside High School's auditorium, it was noted Coburn was doing what he enjoyed most — eating and riding his motorcycle — on his final trip. The group Coburn was with was returning from Tony Packo's hot dog stand in Toledo when the fatal accident occurred on U.S. 20, just west of S.R. 15.



Mayor Coburn

The mayor's flower-covered casket sat at the foot of the stage as Pastor Paul Patton of the Butler Church of the Nazarene, accompanied by guitarist Jennifer Graves, led a gathering of hundreds in Coburn's favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace."

"Dad's passion was riding," son Mark Coburn said. "I never saw him without a bike. We'd always fight to see who was going to go (with him).

"My dad has touched a lot of lives," Coburn continued. "His love for kids started in the small town of St. Joe."

In a touching moment of a service filled with touching moments, the younger Coburn shared how he had grown closer to his father after "fading away" for several years.

"My wife Laurie pushed me," he said. "The last nine years, I've been closer to my dad than I've ever been."

Coburn read a poem, "Riding in the Wind," written by Butler resident Nancy Gerber, and thanked all the riders who stayed at the accident scene until family members could arrive.

Floyd "Butch" Coburn made time to keep the scorebook and clock at Eastside junior high and high school boys and girls basketball games for 25 years.

"The biggest thing our girls would remember is the gum," Eastside athletic director Aaron Willard said. Before each game, Coburn always made sure there was plenty available for the players.

"Some people might think it was just gum, but what Butch was doing was showing how much he cared," Willard stated.

Since news of Coburn's death spread, Willard has received many cards and e-mails from area basketball officials.

Official Rich Kraus wrote, "(Butch) was Eastside's greatest ambassador."

"All people mattered to Butch," according to boys basketball coach Scott Hudson.

"Butch will be greatly missed, but never forgotten," girls basketball coach Brett Freeman said.

"If you worked for Butch, you weren't an employee, you were family," explained Butler Police Chief Jim Nichols. "Many cities have lost that small, hometown feel, but not Butler. It's more important now than ever to reach out and help each other.

"Rest easy my friend. Your work here is now complete."

Reading Psalm 23, Pastor Patton said it easily be could considered Coburn's psalm.

"Butler was his flock," Patton said. "He oversaw every aspect of this community.

"We must cope with life gracefully, and that's what Floyd 'Butch' Coburn did," Patton said.

Coburn overcame a serious leg injury several years ago that nearly cost him his life and left him in more pain than he would admit, Patton explained. While Coburn also waged a battle with cancer, "Never once did I hear him complain," the pastor added.

Coburn was an avenue for God to touch many lives, Patton said, adding, "This life isn't all there is. It's just training for something better."

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Khloe Clark

KENDALLVILLE — Khloe London Clark, 8 months, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Kendallville on Sept. 4, 2009, to Dustin Ryan Clark and Brystarr Nicole Harmon.

Khloe Clark

Survivors include her parents, Brystarr Harmon and Dustin Clark of Kendallville; her maternal grandparents, Robert and Melody Harmon of Avilla and Vickie Harmon of Kendallville; her paternal grandparents, Terry and Donna Davis of Rome City and Troy Clark of Albion; her maternal great-grandparents, Paul and Virginia Houlton of Kendallville, Ethel Goodman of Auburn, Chandler and Doris Terry of Rome City and David A. Miller of Greenville, S.C.; her paternal great-grandparents, Shirley Waltenberger of Kendallville, Terry and Freda Davis Sr. of Stroh; and Dorothy Clark of Logansport.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Pastor Percy Young officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett. A dinner will follow the graveside service at American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be made to the family.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert Williams

AVILLA — Robert A. Williams, 57, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Avilla died unexpectedly Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at his home.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Henrietta Robbins

AUBURN — Henrietta L. Robbins, 95, of Angola and formerly of Auburn died Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

No services are planned.

Burial will be in Tamarack Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

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Crashes kill 1, injure 1

ANGOLA — Two crashes in Steuben County left one driver dead and an Angola man hospitalized.

Police have not yet released the name of a driver who was killed Thursday at 11:21 p.m. while driving south on Steuben C.R. 600W, just south of C.R. 30N.

According to the Steuben County Sheriff's Department, the driver went off the west side of the road and then overcorrected, going off the east side of the road and striking a tree. The vehicle then caught fire.

The Steuben County coroner pronounced the driver dead at the scene due to trauma.

Another driver, Ronald Dale Shuler, 25, of Angola, was injured in a crash early Friday morning.

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CRASHES: *Man's condition has been upgraded*

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Police said Shuler was traveling north on S.R. 127 south of Steuben C.R. 400N. His vehicle left the east side of the roadway, then crossed the roadway again, rolling several times and coming to rest in the west ditch. Shuler was ejected.

He was transported to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola and then flown by Lutheran Air to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne with internal injuries. His condition was upgraded to fair Friday morning.

Toxicology results are pending in Shuler's crash, police reported.

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Robert Williams

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Allen Williams, age 57, of Fort Wayne died on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at his home in Fort Wayne. Mr. Williams lived many years in Kendallville before moving to Fort Wayne.

Mr. Williams

He was born in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, on December 21, 1951, to Charles Donald and Norma Jean (Walt) Williams. They are deceased.

He served his country in the United States Navy and was employed at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 15 years before becoming disabled in 1991.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, going camping with them, and attending all his grandkids' sporting events. He especially loved his Boston terrier dog, Xena.

Survivors include a son, Robert and Trina Williams Jr. of Kendallville; a daughter and her fiance, Julie Williams and Tony Beal, both of Fort Wayne; the mother of his children and his friend, Pam Williams of Evansville; seven grandchildren, Austin, Keyana, Kyrah, Ashanti, Mariah, Kevin and Damien; a great-grandson, Ajay Arnett of Fort Wayne; a special family that he was close to, Daniel Beal, Terry Beal, Caty Carter, Jeremy, Steven and Shawn Bliech and Daniel Wilkie all of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Clyde Williams and Mark Williams, both of Smithton, Pennsylvania.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Dane Williams, and his grandson, Je'Quinn Williams in 2005.

Visitation will be today, Saturday, May 23, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Sunday, May 24, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Barbara Cross.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Noble County Humane Society.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Floyd Scott

AUBURN — Floyd M. Scott died May 20, 2009.

Floyd was born and raised at the family's lumber camp in Lady Smith, WI.

He moved to Auburn in 1931, graduated from McKinney H.S. in 1933, and took classes at Purdue. Subsequently he began working at Auburn Rubber where he met Alice Grogg who became his wife in 1939.

He later was a general foreman at Warner Gear and concluded his career as the president of Oren-Van Aman in Fort Wayne. He later served as an abrasives' consultant with Carborundum Corp.

He maintained residences in Auburn and Sebring, Florida.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years Alice; his older brother, Cletus Scott; a son and his wife, Douglas and Joy Scott; a daughter and her husband, Janice and Peter Atkin; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Beatrice Bickle and Arletta Walker, and a grandson, Charles Morr Jr.

Floyd was a longtime member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Greenhurst Golf Club, and the Elks, as well as shorter stints at several other service, social and political organizations.

Floyd had a wonderful repertoire of fine memories from his mother shooting wolves off their back porch, skiing to and from school with his brother from the lumber camp, traveling the country with Alice, and still playing nine holes of golf several times a week last summer.

Floyd was both grateful and gracious about life and is fondly remembered by all who knew him well. He lived a wonderful life.

Calling hours are 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, and the funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center or the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

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Joyce Sutton

HAMILTION — Joyce (Lemmon) Sutton, 78, of Hamilton died Friday, May 22, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Sutton had worked at Pittsfield in Hamilton for 40 years.

She was born on April 14, 1931, in Angola to Avery Lemmon Sr. and Edith (Radabaugh) Lemmon. She married Gerald Dean Sutton on May 21, 1949, at the Angola United Methodist parsonage. He preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 2008.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jonna and Jim Vingoe of Hamilton; three sons, Edward, Bruce and Garold A., all of Hamilton; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Avery Lemmon Jr.; and two sisters, Reba Crowl and Kathleen Fee.

There are no services.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may sign a guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Karen Reynolds

ANGOLA — Karen L. Reynolds, 57, of Angola died Wednesday May 20, 2009, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

She had worked for CORA Marketing.

She is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and its choir. She was also a board member of the Fox Lake Association.

She was born on Nov. 25, 1951, in Atchison, Kan., to Joe M. and Margaret M. (Robinson) Sanders. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Karyn M. Reynolds of Kennesaw, Ga., and Shani D. Reynolds of Providence, R.I.; two brothers, Joe Sanders of New York, N.Y., and David Sanders of Hiawatha, Kan.; four sisters, Phyliss Masry of Kuwait, Emily Pugh of Springfield, Mo., Cynthia Jones of Wichita, Kan., and Gloria Sanders of Wichita, Kan.; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may sign a guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Paul Schoner

FREMONT — Paul Michael Schoner, 55, of Fremont died Monday, May 18, 2009, from injuries he sustained in a tree-cutting accident.

Mr. Schoner had lived in Bangor, Mich., most of his life. He moved to the Angola area in 2001.

Mr. Schoner had worked for Baker's Acres Floral & Greenhouse in Angola and Fremont and at Tri-State University in Angola.

He graduated from Bangor High School in Bangor, Mich.

Mr. Schoner was the former manager of the Men's Recovery House in Angola and attended the Twelve by Twelve Thursday night meeting in Fremont.

He was born April 3, 1954, in South Haven, Mich., to Leo Francis and Viva Mae (Burlingame) Schoner. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Ashley Walden of Saint Joseph, Mich.; two sisters, Julie Strepek of San Antonio, Texas, and Frances and Ron Johnson of Stevensville, Mich.; a brother, John Schoner of Bangor, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial and prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Mike Brudney officiating.

Calling and celebration of life will be from 6-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Khloe Clark

KENDALLVILLE — Khloe London Clark, 8 months, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Khloe Clark

She was born in Kendallville on Sept. 4, 2009, to Dustin Ryan Clark and Brystarr Nicole Harmon.

Survivors include her parents, Brystarr Harmon and Dustin Clark of Kendallville; two brothers, Tisyn Harmon and Jaden Clark, both at home; her maternal grandparents, Robert and Melody Harmon of Avilla and Vickie Harmon of Kendallville; her paternal grandparents, Terry and Donna Davis of Rome City and Troy Clark of Albion; her maternal great-grandparents, Paul and Virginia Houlton of Kendallville, Ethel Goodman of Auburn, Chandler and Doris Terry of Rome City and David A. Miller of Greenville, S.C.; her paternal great-grandparents, Shirley Waltenberger of Kendallville, Terry and Freda Davis Sr. of Stroh; Dorothy Clark of Logansport and Daisy Rugg of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today, Saturday, May 23, at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Pastor Percy Young officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett. A dinner will follow the graveside service at American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be made to the family.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Madalene Seidel

TOPEKA, Kan. — Madalene D.H. Seidel, 88, of Topeka, Kan., and formerly of Auburn, Ind., died Friday, May 22, 2009, at Lexington Park.

Among her survivors are a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ellen and Bill Kennedy of Waterloo, Ind.

Memorial services will be held in Indiana.

Memorials are to Heart of America Hospice, 3715 SW 29th, Topeka, KS.

Send condolences online to www.DoveFuneralHome.com.

Elwood Neeley

SHIPSHEWANA — Elwood Lee Neeley, 74, of Shipshewana died Friday, May 22, 2009, at his residence.

Memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Eden Worship Center in Topeka with the Revs. Harold Gingerich and Matt Gingerich officiating.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Eden Worship Center.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip mayfuneralhome.com.

Lucas Emrich

PLEASANT LAKE — Lucas R. Emrich, 28, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, May 21, 2009, as the result of injuries he sustained in a traffic accident in Steuben County.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Assembly of God Church in Angola. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's paper.

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Saalfrank experienced everything

BY JIM SHILANDER
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LAKE JAMES — Harold "Salty" Saalfrank worked hard to live a good life. And, his family said, he loved every minute of it.

Saalfrank, 83, passed away on May 10. "He loved life, he loved his family," his wife, Maurine, said.

Saalfrank found success in a number of different fields. After leaving the Marine Corps following World War II, Saalfrank worked at the Zollner plant in Fort Wayne, then went into the upholstery business with his own shop, Robinwood Upholstery.

"He retired early, then he started into upholstery," his son, Hap, said. "He went to a class and learned upholstery, then he started in the basement, then the garage and then bought a commercial building."

Hap said his father actually had dropped out of high school to enlist in 1943, after football season ended. Maurine said the two were married after he left basic training.

"He really wasn't happy with the academics in school," she said. "So he told his mother he was going to go down to the recruiting office. She knew he was only 17 at the time, so she thought they wouldn't take him." The Marine recruiter had other ideas, however. "They knew he was going to be turning 18 in the next few days. So they told him, 'The next group is leaving tomorrow, since you'll turn 18 on the way to San Diego (Calif.). We'll swear you in when you get there.' So he called his mother from San Diego to tell him he was in the Marines." The couple, who dated in high school, were married that January in Memphis, Tenn., where Saalfrank was stationed.

While he was working in the upholstery business, Saalfrank got into building homes, building three houses, including his own, on Lake James, and two on Coldwater Lake in Michigan. "He could always make a living with his hands," Maurine said.

After he retired from business, Saalfrank kept up that work, buying a farm with his son, Mike, and his friend, Jim Broyles.

"We originally got it for hunting and for conservation," Mike said. "Then we built a pond, and we've planted close to 55,000 trees and stocked the pond with fish." The fish, he explained, came from a neighbor, who gave the three men permission to take a few fish to stock their pond. "We'd go over and fish his pond, and we'd take five-gallon buckets with us, and Salty would run the fish over to our pond in the buckets as we caught them."

Mike said his father would eventually spend nearly all of his free time at the farm with his friend, Bill Smith.

"The two of them would be out there nearly every day for 17 years, until Bill moved away," Mike said. "Bill and Salty were inseparable."

Marge Smith, Bill's wife, said the same.

"They spent nearly all of their free time together," Smith said. "Salty was Bill's best buddy, and Maurine is my best friend. There was never a dull moment with Salty. He was a lot of fun."

Saalfrank built a homemade pontoon boat. "He welded some hot water tanks together, and he had a friend with some conditioned pipe that he used for railings," Maurine said. "And he used the webbing from lawn chairs to keep the kids from falling out. It was one of the first unique pontoons on Lake James."

Later in life, Salty and Maurine spent a good deal of time traveling, including a cross-country train trip and wintering in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Harold Saalfrank, his family said, was a gregarious man who loved to travel and spend time with friends and family. Saalfrank is pictured with one of his 12 great-grandchildren, Spencer Castillo.

"I was surprised that when we went on a trip, he'd always be planning the next one," she said. "When he'd finish a trip, he'd always have the next one planned. He knew where he wanted to go next."

Being raised poor, Hap said, made his father want to experience all he could.

"They had to struggle to survive," he said. "I think he decided right then and there that that wasn't going to be his way of life. He was never afraid to take an adventure, and whatever there was to do he did himself."

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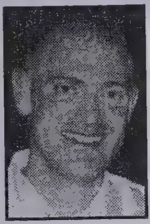
Lucas Emrick

PLEASANT LAKE — Lucas R. Emrick, 28, died late Thursday in a car crash in Steuben County.

Mr. Emrick was employed by Asphalt Drum Mixers in Huntertown. He was a 1999 graduate of Prairie Heights High School and 2004 graduate of Missouri Valley College. He loved his family and loved to fish, hunt, riding horses and rodeo competitions. He had many friends all over the country.



Mr. Emrick

He was born in Auburn on June 5, 1980, to Ralph A. and Diane L. (Walkup) Emrick. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are his brother, Clint Emrick of Hudson; a sister and brother-in-law, Gina and Charlie Rasler of LaGrange; a nephew, Weston Rasler; an uncle, Mike Walkup of Florida; and an aunt, Beth Emrick of Angola.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Assembly of God Church, 1405 Williams St., Angola, with Pastor Ron Moore officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling will be at the church Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. and Wednesday one hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials are to Indiana High School Rodeo College Scholarship Fund, c/o Lisa Colby, 18501 Springmill Road, Westfield, IN 46074, or to Assembly of God Church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Hugh Griffin

ASHLEY — Hugh A. Griffin, 76, of Ashley died Friday at 9 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

He worked as a carpenter and at the Garrett Telephone Co. for 20 years.

Mr. Griffin was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War and a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

He was born in St. Joe on Jan. 15, 1933, to Russell and Loretta (Ziegler) Griffin.

Surviving are his former wife, Pat Griffin of Hudson; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Deborah and William Schiffli of Ashley, Brenda and Cletus Bontrager of LaGrange and Eulalia Days of Hudson; one son, Jess Griffin of Hudson; a half-brother, Ronnie Griffin of Florida; a half-sister, Betty Gustin of Hudson; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Hazelton

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Joseph Hazelton, 40, of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at his Kendallville home.

He was born in Fort Meade, Md., on Oct. 14, 1968, to Richard William and Julia (Cowley) Hazelton.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1987. He later attended Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hazelton worked at Courier Printing in Kendallville from 1987 to 1991.

He was a special grandfather who enjoyed fishing and his Harley.

Surviving are his mother, Julia Hazelton of Kendallville; a son, Richard Brett Hazelton, stationed with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan and his wife, Charnel in Alaska; two granddaughters, Kyli and Chloe Hazelton of Alaska; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Bobi and Bryan Cook of Angleton, Texas, and Beth Ann and Jim Oaks of Hopkinsville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard William Hazelton.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

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Murray Rowland

ALBION — Murray Lender Rowland, 85, of Noble Township, died at 4:53 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2009, at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

The Noble County farmer spent his formative years in Noble and Whitley counties. A 1942 graduate of Columbia City High School, he was drafted in the U.S. Marines in June 1943 and served until June 1946.

He was employed by the Dana-Weatherhead Corp. in Columbia City, and he retired as a machinist after 44 years.

Mr. Murray was a member of the Albion American Legion Post No. 246.

He was born at Blue Lake near Churbusco on March 14, 1924, to John William and Lalah (Zolman) Rowland.

He married Jeanette Stump on Feb. 3, 1951. She preceded him in death on April 5, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, John E. Rowland of Winstom-Salem, N.C., and Dennis Rowland of Burr Oak; two brothers, Walter Rowland of Columbia City and Curtis Rowland of Warsaw; and two sisters, Clara Belle Ressler of Columbia City and June Wilson of Michigan.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ellis Cunningham and Mark Rowland, and three sisters, Nellie Duggins, Jean Hansen and Shirley Rowland.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam, with the Albion American Legion Post presenting military honors.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's favorite charity.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Madalene Seidel

TOPEKA, Kan. — Madalene D.H. Seidel, 88, of Topeka, Kan., died Friday, May 22, 2009, at Lexington Park.

She was a telephone operator at St. Francis Hospital.

She was born June 7, 1920, in Auburn as one of three daughters born to Stanley V. and Gertrude D. (Shull) Hull.

She married Walter C. Seidel, and they moved to Kansas following World War II.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ellen and Bill Kennedy of Waterloo; a daughter, Donna Seidel of Topeka, Kan.; a son, John C. Seidel of Conifer, Colo.; two grandsons, Steve and Daniel Seidel, both of Tulsa, Okla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held in Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heart of America Hospice, 3715 SW 29th, Topeka, KS.

To leave a special message for the family online, visit DoveFuneralHome.com.

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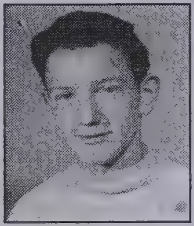
Oscar L. Ritchie

July 18, 1954 - June 7, 2006
Military, Fisherman

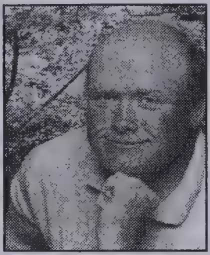


You were a light in our lives that
will burn forever in our hearts.
We miss you.

Love Forever, Your Family

Dave Sweet

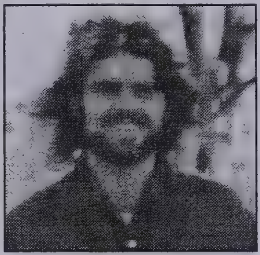
Dec. 15, 1950 - April 23, 1999



The days may come and go,
but the memories we shared
will live on forever.
Love, Vicki & Mindy

Patrick Scott Biddle

July 11, 1958 -March 5, 2007



"That though the radiance which
was once so bright be now
forever taken from our sight."
-Amor Fati

Tae Robbins

June 11, 1980 - Feb. 21, 2009

Punky,
We miss you. We will never forget you. May God cradle you in his arms throughout all eternity.

Love,
Grandpa & Grandma Snyder

Glen Friskney

Nov. 18, 1929 - Dec. 2, 2000

Glen,
We miss you.
Love, Your Family

Felicia Bermudez

Dec. 26, 1980 - Jan. 21, 2008
E-4 Navy

The days may come and go,
but the memories we share
will live on forever.
We miss you!
Love, Your Family

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Grant Arnold

Nov. 28, 1916 - Jan. 20, 1982

Lenora Arnold

Aug. 19, 1917 - Sept. 6, 1994

Together in heaven for many years now. We still think of you often. We love and miss you dearly.

- Jeff, Debbie & Family

Judith Puckett

June 17, 1944 - July 27, 2008

Though you're in God's care,
you live in our hearts
and memories forever.
We love you and miss you.
Debbie, Jeff & Family

Jill Nicole Emerick

June 18, 1971 - May 15, 2004

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.

Mom, Dad, Cory, Cody,
Janice, Terry & Laura

Maggie D. Jimenez

July 10, 1924 - Aug. 16, 2002

Mom
No hand so soft and gentle
No heart so tender, true
No sorrow life could bring us
To equal losing you.

"Miss you"
Mr. Bill, DD & Family

Brian Scott Ferrell

Nov. 25, 1975 - Oct. 15, 2000

Brian,
We lost you too soon. Too young and precious. You will never be forgotten. You're in my thoughts & prayers every day. You will always have 1/2 of my heart.

Always missed, love,
Mom

Michael Lyn Ferrell

April 1, 1974 - Nov. 12, 2002

Michael,
You were the light in many hearts. You left me too soon to be in a happier place with your brother, Brian. I think of you both every day. We will be united in Heaven one day.

Your memory will live forever, love,
Mom

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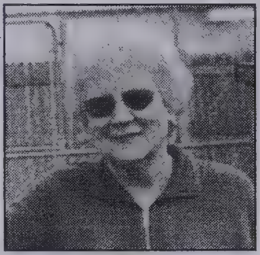
Hermonia Hassinger

May 16, 1925 - July 25, 2008



Mom,
How I miss you, my mother, my best friend. You are at a much better place, but I miss you so much!
- Nancy Jordan (daughter)

Matthew Terry

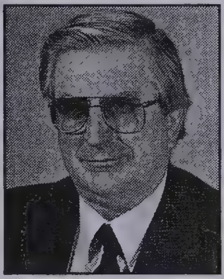
April 16, 1958 - Dec. 24, 2001

The days may come and go,
but the memories we share
will live on forever.

Love, Mom & Don

Merle William Wagner

Jan. 15, 1942 - Jan. 28, 2008



A dear one gone, but cherished yet,
A beloved face we'll ne'er forget.

Love, Your Family

Thrain David Clark

Oct. 1, 2003 - Oct. 6, 2003

We will never forget you. May
God cradle you in His arms
throughout all eternity.

We love and miss you.
Mommy, Owentyr,
Madison, Papa, Nana,
Uncle Jeff, Aunt BB & Kids

Carl J. Collins

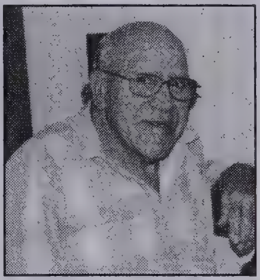
Oct. 6, 1937 - Feb. 26, 1999

We will never forget you. May
God cradle you in His arms
throughout all eternity.

Love, Your Family

Wayne E. Kimmel

Sept. 11, 1931 - Sept. 22, 2006



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God cradle you in His arms
throughout all eternity.
Love, Your Family

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David F. Feller

March 31, 1933 - Oct. 26, 2007
Air Force - Staff Sgt.

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.

Iris Haskins

June 29, 1927 - Sept. 25, 1991

You were the light in our lives & the joy in our hearts. The memories we share will live on forever. Miss you!

- The Haskins Family

Claire Anderson

Jan. 19, 1960 - Sept. 1, 2008

You were a light in my life that will burn forever in my heart. Love You!

-Dave

Vonda Collins

Dec. 27, 1945 - Sept. 17, 2007

I will love you forever.

-Willie

George B. Iddings

Feb. 10, 1931 - Dec. 30, 2008
Army - Sargeant

We will never forget you. May God cradle you in His arms throughout all eternity.

- Your Loving Family

Laurie Ann Haiflich

Sept. 18, 1960 - Jan. 11, 2000

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Austin Burchett

April 15, 1996 - June 15, 2007

Our love goes deep and strong,
we'll forget you never-
the son we had,
we'll love forever.

We miss you!

Elaina Marie Henderson

December 1, 1954 - May 24, 2008

We will never forget
you. May God cradle
you in His arms
throughout all eternity.

Ray, Windy, Travis,
Ray Jr., Chrissy, Joseph,
Tonya, Mark, Angie &
Grandchildren

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Virginia Somerlott

ANGOLA — Virginia R. Somerlott, 90, of Angola died Monday, May 25, 2009, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, Mrs. Somerlott was a member of Angola American Legion Auxiliary Post 31, Angola Women of the Moose, a former member of Rho Chapter, Psi Iota Xi Sorority and a member of many bridge clubs. She dedicated her life to the well-being of her husband and children.

She was born Dec. 6, 1918, in Angola to Herman and Joyce (Miller) Kohl.

On March 9, 1940, she married Robert Somerlott. He died on July 17, 1991.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Sigrid and Cliff Ryan of West Chester, Ohio, and Naples, Fla., and Cheryl Ransburg of Indianapolis; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and two sisters, Mary Jean Golden and June Peat.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Cameron Woods or Cameron Hospital.

Dolores Rowe

AUBURN — Dolores M. Rowe, 87, died Saturday, May 23, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Rowe worked with her husband on their family farm her entire life. She baked cakes for 40 years. She was a member of Rebecca Lodge and served as District President. She was secretary of her Home Demonstration Club.

She was born Oct. 8, 1921, in DeKalb County to Floyd L. and Gladys E. (Sebring) Farver.

She married her husband of 69 years, Lloyd M. Rowe, on Oct. 15, 1939, in Auburn and he died Jan. 9, 2009.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael D. and Nancy Rowe and Steven M. and Sally Rowe, all of Auburn; a sister, Virginia Wilber of Auburn; four grandchildren, Eric and Chris Rowe of Auburn, Vicki Harmes of Howe, Tabitha Rowe of Auburn, Derek Rowe of Auburn; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; one niece and her husband, Michelle and Jim Bauman of Auburn and two nephews and a spouse, Kevin Wilber of Auburn and CoLynn and Sue Bender of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a sister, Pauline Bender.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Rev. Dan White will officiate. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be directed to the DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Junie Ellis-Fuller

LAGRANGE — Junie Ellis-Fuller, 73, of LaGrange died Sunday, May 24, 2009, at the home of her son.

Services will be Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Rev. Dale Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Ontario Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Sprague

CHURUBUSCO — Elizabeth (Betty Joseph) Sprague, 81, formerly of Fort Wayne and Columbia City, died on Sunday, May 24, 2009.

Services will be Wednesday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Russell Riley officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be at the funeral home today from 4-8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service.

Preferred memorials may be directed in the memory of Katherine Joseph Sloffer to the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer Research, P.O. Box 80201, Fort Wayne, IN, 46898.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Michael Summers

AUBURN — Michael L. Summers, 65 of Auburn and formerly of Garrett, died on Saturday, May 23, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born February 2, 1944, in Garrett to Frank and Virginia (Royer) Summers. They preceded him in death.

He married Cathy I. Strouse July 28, 1970, and she died May 16, 2002.

He worked as a shipping clerk at Zollner Piston for 39 years before retiring in 2001.

Mr. Summers was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn.

He was also a member of Garrett Post 178 of the American Legion.

He is survived by a daughter, Nicole Summers of Auburn; a son and daughter in-law, Jeffery and Nicole Summers of Kendallville; a sister, Pat Bender of Albion and five grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn at 10 a.m. with Fr. Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, from 4-7 p.m.

Memorials are to the donor's choice. To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Margaret Walsh

LAGRANGE — Margaret Spears Walsh, 85, of Delanco, N.J., and formerly of LaGrange County died Dec. 17, 2008, in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Walsh

Mrs. Walsh was born on April 8, 1923, in LaGrange County, Ind., to Harley K. and Jessie (Gravit) Spears. They are deceased.

Mrs. Walsh was raised in LaGrange County and in 1941 she graduated from the former Lima High School in Howe. Her family had a summer store on North Twin Lake, LaGrange County, where she ran the bait and boat concession.

In 1943, after graduating from International Business College in Fort Wayne, she moved to New York City to work and in 1956 she moved to Delanco. She and her husband owned Mic-Lin Co. in Delanco where she served as the corporation secretary.

She was a 50-year member of the Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of the Eastern Star in LaGrange.

Mrs. Walsh was an avid sail boat racer, traveler and ballroom dancer.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda Blazek and Doug Scott of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Nancy and Thomas Huffmire of Marlton, N.J., and Virginia Walsh of New Lisbon, N.J.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael D. and Donna Walsh of Delanco, N.J., and Dan E. and Gail Walsh of Cinnaminson, N.J.; twelve grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Emily Howland, and three brothers, Paul, Gaylord, and Wayland Spears.

On Saturday, May 30, 2009, a memorial graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating, along with members of Sylvan Chapter 251 OES. Burial of the cremains will follow the services.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Lauretta Quast

LAGRANGE — Lauretta L. Gappinger Quast, 82, of Scottsdale, Ariz., died Saturday, March 14, 2009.

A memorial service was held April 17 at La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church in Scottsdale.

A local memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Mt. Zion Lutheran [illegible]h, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange.

Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Retha Crain

FREMONT — Retha Crain, 80, of Angola died Sunday, May 24, 2009 in Angola.

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Mrs. Crain worked at Aro Corp. in Angola, for 27 years, retiring in 1992.

She was born Nov. 10, 1928, in Stroh to Roscoe and Lola M. (Hutchens) Coggeshall.

She married Mark Crain on Sept. 29, 1989. He preceded her in death in 2003.

Survivors include four sons, Glenn Kessler of Sebring, Fla., DeWayne Thrush of Munith, Mich., Tony Thrush of Orland and Jeffrey Thrush of Orland; one daughter, Kay Roose of New Haven; three stepsons, Mark Crain of Bloomington, Ted Crain of Bixby, Okla., and Alan Crain of Livonia, Mich.; one stepdaughter, Ruth Holtzman of Fort Wayne; one brother, Roy Coggeshall of Virginia; three sisters, Rhuie Dole of Pleasant Lake, Betty Simon of Stroh and Patricia Fredrick; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; four brothers and two sisters.

A celebration of life service will be Saturday at Orland American Legion Post 423 at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Arrangements are by the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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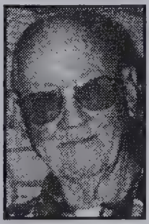
Edward Schrock



Mr. Schrock

LAGRANGE — Edward Alvin Schrock, 83, of LaGrange and formerly of Royer Lake died Sunday, May 24, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schrock had worked for 30 years at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville. He retired from Spreuer & Sons in LaGrange at the age of 76. He was a member of the Plato United Methodist Church. He was an Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He was born March 18, 1926, in Hutchinson, Kansas, to Mose and Alice (Troyer) Schrock. He was married in November 1963, in LaGrange to Eileen L. (Nodine) Mynhier. She preceded him in death on March 6, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherri Schrock and Linda Schrock; a stepdaughter and a stepson-in-law, Brenda and Ronnie Logan of Wolcottville; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Doug and Diana Mynhier of Avilla and James Mynhier of Wolcottville; his twin brother, Edwin Schrock of LaGrange; 14 grandchildren, Leonard Logan, Kimberly Logan, Trent Mynhier, Tabitha Mynhier, Troy Mynhier, Krystal Mynhier, Kimberly Schaeffer, James Mynhier, Ashley Green, Thomas Mynhier, Steven Mynhier II, Adam Mynhier, Amanda Mynhier, and the grandson and his wife whom Edward made his home with, Avery and Cortney Mynhier; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven Mynhier, Sr., on Aug. 31, 2008, and a brother, Darwin Schrock.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 11 a.m. in the Plato United Methodist Church, with Rev. Russell Hepler officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Military graveside services will be presented by American Legion Post 381, Rome City.

Calling will be Wednesday, May 27, 2009, from 5-7 p.m. at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Lanny Fee

Mr. Fee

COLDWATER, Mich. — Lanny Kay Fee, 60, of Coldwater, Mich., died at his residence on Sunday, May 24, 2009.

A 1968 graduate of Coldwater High School, he was a U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran. He was a member of the Coldwater American Legion Post No. 52. He attended Stokes Chapel United Methodist Church. He enjoyed his grandchildren and following their ball games. He enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, gardening, traveling and being with his friends and family, telling jokes and having fun.

Mr. Fee retired in 2008 from Coldwater Public Utilities after 37 years of employment.

He was born Sept. 5, 1948, in Coldwater to Hiram P. and Mariam (Isenhower) Fee, Jr. His mother survives.

He married Faye (Stetler) on March 17, 1972, at Stokes Chapel United Methodist Church in Montgomery, Mich. She survives in Coldwater.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Martha Fee of Brownwood, Texas, Dawn and Steve Myers of Quincy, Mich., Rachelle and Nathan Roby and Brooke Fee, all of Coldwater, Mich.; his mother; one sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Robert Hagaman of Coldwater, Mich.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Gary and Tanis Fee of Seattle, Wash., Ronald and Barbara Fee and Roger and Leslee Fee, all of Coldwater, Mich; six grandchildren, Kyle, Logan, Bailey, Austin, Tyson and Kayden, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hiram P. Fee, Jr., who died Feb. 1, 2002.

Services will be Friday, May 29, at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor Ed Mohr officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, with military services conducted by a member of the Coldwater American Legion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Emmajean Bourquin

FORT WAYNE — Emmajean (Hagerty) Bourquin of Fort Wayne peacefully passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2009, at Lutheran Homes, just two days shy of her 79th birthday. Her devoted and beloved husband of 57 years, Richard "Dick" Bourquin, was by her side, along with their daughters, Kathy of Carlsbad, Calif. and Ruth of Cambridge, Mass.

She was a homemaker, a loving wife and mother, a devout Christian, and a school teacher in Waterloo and North Robinson, Ohio. She loved children and music. In the 1980s, she established "the Merry Songsters," a senior citizen singing group that brought joy to nursing home residents throughout the Fort Wayne area.

Mrs. Bourquin

Born May 25, 1930, in Hamilton, she was the daughter of Bertha and Virgil Hagerty.

She graduated from Butler High School and attended Bowling Green State University, graduating in 1952 with a degree in Business Education.

She is survived by her immediate family and her sister and brother-in-law, Ruth (Hagerty) and Ted Kortz.

A memorial service and celebration of her life and faith is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Faith Baptist Church, 6600 Trier Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Interment to follow service in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Donations in Jean's memory may be made to American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, NY NY 10023, Faith Baptist Church, 6600 Trier Road, Fort Wayne 46815, or Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water St., Berne IN 46711. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.mccombandsons.com

Dorothy Martin

GARRETT — Dorothy E. Martin, 79, of Garrett died Saturday, May 23, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or calling.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Ruth Monroe

ANGOLA — Ruth E. Monroe, 75, died Tuesday morning, May 26, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Joyce Crouch

ANGOLA — Joyce A. Crouch, 80, of Angola died Sunday, May 24, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A member of the Angola American Legion Auxiliary Post 31, she had retired from Trans Guard in Angola on Jan. 1, 1996.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1928, in LaGrange County to Harvey and Ina (DeLong) Van Pelt.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Roxann of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and James Smith of Sturgis, Mich., and Lila Lee and Douglas Chapman of Middlebury; two nieces, Anita and Gloria Brown of Angola; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Geraldine Brown.

Services will be at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with Pastor James Bender officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Shelter.

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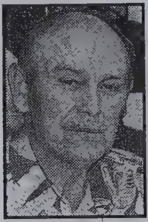
Rick Bergstrom

AUBURN — Rick A. Bergstrom, 65, of Auburn died Sunday, May 24, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.


Mr. Bergstrom

Mr. Bergstrom was owner of Mel's Decorating Service and a member of NSRA.

He was born Jan. 19, 1944, in Kendallville to Falconer and Hilda Bergstrom. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Melanie "Lanie" Bergstrom of Auburn; a daughter, Michelle "Shelly" Bergstrom of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Janet Healy of Garrett and Vickie and Hank Zecca of Waterloo; and a brother-in-law, Jeff Parker of Waterloo.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ed Grable officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A private burial for Mr. Bergstrom's cremated remains will take place at a later date in Embry Cemetery for family and close friends.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the Bergstrom family to help defer medical costs.

The family would like a street rod procession after the service to the American Legion, where a celebration of Mr. Bergstrom's life will take place.

Anna Eicher

LEO — Anna Eicher, 84, died Saturday, May 23, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Leo on July 4, 1924, to Michael Eicher Sr. and Lydia (Schlatter) Eicher. They preceded her in death.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Kate Eicher in 1968 and Mary Eicher in 1997, and one brother, Michael Eicher Jr. in 1991.

Anna was a homemaker and a member of Ridgeview Amish Mennonite Church in Harlan.

Calling was Tuesday at Ridgeview Amish Mennonite Church, 10717 Roberts Road, Harlan.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. at the church, with Pastor Lester Zehr and Pastor William Hochstetler officiating. Burial will be in Schlatter Cemetery, Leo.

Memorials are to The Cedars, 14409 Sunrise Court, Leo, IN 46765.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Neil Holcomb

WESTLAND, Mich. — Neil A. Holcomb, age 42, of Westland, Mich., and formerly of Angola, died May 15, 2009.

Beloved husband of Kathy (Harasim).

Son of Mary Lou and the late Walter.

Brother of Michael (Pam) and Kirk.

Uncle of Austin (Angie) Holcomb and Samantha (Matt) Newhard.

Great-uncle of Nate.

Son-in-law of Larry and Judy Harasim.

Brother-in-law of Mark (Jenn) Harasim.

He was President of the Mustang Owners Club of S.E. Michigan and a member of Triangle Fraternity, Rose-Hulman Chapter.

A memorial service will take place at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 North Williams St., Angola, Saturday at noon.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Calvary Lutheran Church.

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Annette Shumaker

AUBURN — Annette C. Shumaker, 47, of Auburn died Sunday, May 24, 2009, at her home in Auburn.

She was a former employee of W/M Employees Credit Union and was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge.

She was born Oct. 27, 1961, in Auburn.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Margo and Victor Housel of Auburn; a daughter, Krysten Shumaker of Auburn; a brother, Brian Ort of Auburn; an uncle and aunt, Richard and Carrie Toy of Auburn; and her best friend, Michelle Grogg of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Ort.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with Ed Hollis officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Karen Reynolds

ANGOLA — Karen L. Reynolds, 57, died Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

She worked for CORA Marketing.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and its choir. She also was a board member of the Fox Lake Association.

She was born Nov. 25, 1951, in Atchison, Kan., to Joseph R. and Margaret M. (Robinson) Sanders. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Karyn M. Reynolds of Kennesaw, Ga., and Shani D. Reynolds of Providence, R.I.; two brothers, Joseph Sanders Jr. of New York, N.Y. and David Sanders of Atchison; four sisters, Emily Pugh of Springfield, Mo., Gloria Sanders and Cynthia Jones of Wichita, Kan., and Phyllis Masri of Kuwait; and two grandchildren.

A memorial services took place Tuesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with calling one hour before services.

Friends may sign a guestbook at hejohnsonfh.com.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola was in charge of arrangements.

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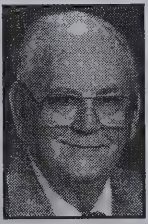
Charles Young

ALBION — Charles Owen Young, 81, died Saturday, May 23 at 8:15 a.m. at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mr. Young was born Nov. 19, 1927, in Noble County to Owen and Nancy (nee Hire) Young. He spent most of his life in Wolf Lake. He has lived in Albion since 2006.


Mr. Young

On Feb. 20, 1949, he married Mary Lou (nee Thomas) Young at the Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake. They just recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. She survives in Albion.

Mr. Young was a civil engineer and worked for Rieth-Riley Construction Co. in Goshen, retiring in 1987 after 30 years of service. He had previously worked for the State Highway Department. After retirement, he worked part-time for the Noble County Tax Board of Review. Mr. Young also served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1947.

He was a member of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church, a charter member of the Wolf Lake Lions Club, a member of the Noble County Gas and Steam Association, on the board of the Noble Township Parks Department, Noble County Advisory Board and the Board of Directors for the Noble Township Fire Department. His professional affiliations included the State of Indiana Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, National Society and the American Society of Professional and Civil Engineers, and he was a State of Michigan Registered Engineer.

Mr. Young enjoyed restoring antique tractors and working on his farm. He enjoyed many sports, especially the Chicago Cubs, and had been a season ticket holder for the Colts. He also cherished his family, music and traveling.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Lou of Albion; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Stan Schenher of Fishers, Nancy Hensch of Albion, and Debra and John Sieber of Albion; one son, Douglas C. Young of Kimmell; 10 grandchildren, Rodney and Jenny Stayner, Kelly and Keith Weseli, Kristy and Joel Worthington, Holly Schenher, Megan Sieber, Jonathan Sieber, Jack Sieber, Jarrod Sieber, Amanda and Dave Newton and Danielle and Jarrad Mastin and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Wilford J. Young and John H. Young.

Funeral services for Mr. Young will be Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Rev. Dan Carlson of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church and Rev. Mark Woods of the Burr Oak Baptist Church will officiate. Calling will be from 3-8 on Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Burial following the funeral will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Rodney Stayner, Jonathan Sieber, Jack Sieber and Jarrod Sieber and grandsons-in-law, Keith Weseli and Joel Worthington.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Mr. Young to the Northridge Village Nursing Home, Wolf Lake Baptist Church or Noble County Food Pantry.

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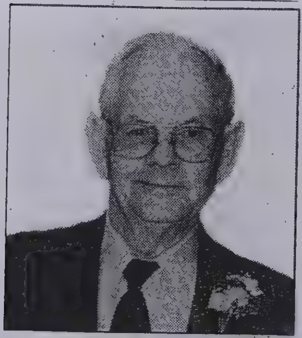

Charles B. Rodgers, 90

COLUMBIA CITY – Charles B. "Bud" Rodgers, 90, of Loon Lake, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

He was born May 9, 1919 in Fort Wayne, Indiana a son of Charles Newton and Hattie Marie (Serier) Rodgers. He graduated from Central High School.

On May 23, 1942 he was united in marriage to Dorothy L. "Dot" Rodgers in Fort Wayne. They have resided at Loon Lake since 1960 and have welcomed youth to their beach front for many generations. Mrs. Rodgers went to be with her Lord and Savior on May 3, 2009.

On February 3, 1943 he entered the United States Army, serving in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. On November 3, 1945 he was honorably discharged, receiving a Bronze Star during his duty.

An electrician, he retired in 1987 from Local 305 I.B.E.W.

He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church, the Electricians Retiree Club and I.B.E.W. member for 66 years. He volunteered at Whitley County Hospital for 13 years and helped with many services in the community including Kids Dreamland, Loon Lake Association and helped start Whitley County Recycling Center.

Surviving relatives include three children, Charles W. (JoAnn) Rodgers of Fowlerville, Michigan, Richard L. (Melodie) Rodgers of Syracuse and Marsha (Boyd) Zickafoose of Columbia City; eight grandkids; eleven great-grandkids; and two great-great-grandkids

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Morris Rodgers, Robert Rodgers and Arthur Rodgers and five sisters, Lucille Longardner, Gladys Currall, Neoma Sucie, Alice Hable and Helen Reynolds.

A memorial service for Dot and Bud will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Ormas Baptist Church, 8962 N 300 W, Columbia City.

Preferred memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Arrangements are being completed by Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Khloe London Clark, 8 months

KENDALLVILLE – Khloe London Clark, 8 months old, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born in Kendallville on September 4, 2009 to Dustin Ryan Clark and Brystarr Nicole Harmon.

Survivors include: her parents, Brystarr Harmon and Dustin Clark of Kendallville; maternal grandparents, Robert (Melody) Harmon of Avilla; maternal grandmother, Vickie Harmon of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Terry (Donna) Davis of Rome City.; paternal grandfather, Troy Clark of Albion; maternal great-grandparents, Paul (Virginia) Houlton of Kendallville, Ethel Goodman of Auburn; Chandler (Doris) Terry of Rome City; and David A. Miller of Greenville, South Carolina; paternal great-grandparents, Shirley Waltenberger of Kedallville, Terry (Freda) Davis, Sr. of Stroh; and Dorothy Clark of Logansport.

Funeral Services were Saturday, May 23, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Percy Young.

Burial was at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials made to the family.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Murray Lender Rowland, 85

ALBION – Murray Lender Rowland, 85, a Noble Township, Noble County farmer, died at 4:53 am Friday, May 22, 2009 in the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born at Blue Lake near Churubusco on March 14, 1924, a son of John William (Lalah) Zolman Rowland. His formative years were spent in Noble and Whitley counties and he graduated from the Columbia City High School in 1942.

In June 1943, he was drafted into the U.S. Marines and served until June 1946.

In addition to farming, he was employed by the Dana-Weatherhead Corporation in Columbia City, retiring as a machinist with forty-four years of service.

On February 3, 1951 he was united in marriage to Jeanette Stump and they spent their married life on the same farm near Burr Oak. She preceded him in death on April 5, 2005.

He was a member of the Albion American Legion Post #246.

The surviving relatives include two sons, John E. Rowland, Winston-Salem, NC and Dennis J. Rowland, Burr Oak; two brothers, Walter Rowland, Columbia City, Curtis Rowland, Warsaw; two sisters, Clara Belle Ressler, Columbia City and June Wilson, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ellis Cunningham and Mark Rowland; three sisters, Nellie Duggins, Jean Hansen and Shirley Rowland.

The funeral service was held Wednesday in the Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The burial was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam with the Albion American Legion Post presenting military honors.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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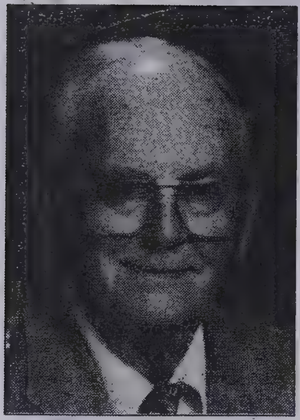

Charles Owen Young, 81

ALBION - Charles Owen Young, age 81, died Saturday, May 23 at 8:15 AM at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mr. Young was born November 19, 1927 in Noble County, Indiana to Owen and Nancy (Hire) Young. He spent most of his life in Wolf Lake. He has lived in Albion since 2006.

On February 20, 1949 he married Mary Lou (Thomas) Young at the Wolf Lake Baptist Church in Wolf Lake. They just recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

She survives in Albion.

Mr. Young was a civil engineer and worked for Rieth-Riley Construction Co. in Goshen, retiring in 1987 after 30 yrs of service. He had previously worked for the State Highway Dept. After retirement, he worked part-time for the Noble County Tax Board of Revue. Mr. Young also served in the US Navy from 1945 to 1947.

He was a member of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church, a charter member of the Wolf Lake Lions Club, a member of the Noble County Gas and Steam Association, on the board of the Noble Township Parks Dept., Noble County Advisory Board, and the Board of Directors for the Noble Township Fire Dept. His professional affiliations included the State of Indiana Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, National Society and American Society of Professional and Civil Engineers, and he was a State of Michigan Registered Engineer.

Mr. Young enjoyed restoring antique tractors and working on his farm. He enjoyed many sports, especially the Chicago Cubs, and had been a season ticket holder for the Colts. He also cherished his family, music and traveling.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Lou of Albion, daughters, Linda (Stan) Schenher of Fishers, Indiana; Nancy Hensch of Albion; Debra (John) Sieber of Albion, a son, Douglas C. Young of Kimmell; ten grandchildren, Rodney (Jenny) Stayner, Kelly (Keith) Weseli, Kristy (Joel) Worthington, Holly Schenher, Megan, Jonathan, Jack, and Jarrod Sieber, Amanda (Dave) Newton, Danielle (Jarrad) Mastin; nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Wilford J. Young and John H. Young.

Funeral services for Mr. Young were Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Rev. Dan Carlson of the Wolf Lake Baptist Church and Rev. Mark Woods of the Burr Oak Baptist Church officiated.

Burial followed the funeral at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Pallbearers were his grandsons Rodney Stayner, Jonathan, Jack and Jarrod Sieber, and grandsons-in-law, Keith Weseli and Joel Worthington.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Mr. Young to the Northridge Village Nursing Home, Wolf Lake Baptist Church or Noble Co. Food Pantry.

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4 charged with murder

Accused in death of Butler man

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AUBURN — Police have arrested four men on charges connected to the murder of a Butler man two weeks ago.

Raymond Edward Morrow, 63, was found dead from gunshot wounds May 15 inside his flea market at Walker-Rowe Airport, two miles east of Waterloo.

Wednesday, Indiana State Police arrested three local men who are alleged accomplices in the murder and robbery of Morrow:

- Matthew W. Nelson, 49, of the 9600 block of W. C.R. 700N, Orland;
- Clint Daniel Hess, 39, of the 100 block of Michigan Street, Corunna;
- Matthu Ryan Sanders, 28, of the 3400 block of South S.R. 327, Hudson.

According to a police news release, each man is charged with two counts of murder, under two different Indiana statutes, and one count of robbery, a Class B felony. They are being held in the DeKalb County Jail without eligibility for release on bond.

Saturday in St. Cloud, Fla., Indiana State Police Detective Mark Heffelfinger arrested a man who is accused of shooting Morrow.

Jeffery William Cain, 51, of St. Cloud, Fla., is charged with murder and armed robbery. He is being held in a Florida jail, awaiting extradition to Indiana.

An affidavit filed by Heffelfinger alleges that Cain shot and robbed Morrow, and the other three men helped Cain in various ways.

Heffelfinger said Cain previously served 21 years in prison for a pair of armed robberies in Florida. He was released from prison in 2002.

Heffelfinger said Wednesday that police were "chasing our tails" in the murder investigation when a break came early on the morning of May 18.

"You could say the stars were aligned. It's a miracle" that led police to the suspects, Heffelfinger said.

The chain of events began when Auburn Police Department made a traffic stop on the night of May 17 and found a small quantity of

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Cain

Sanders

Hess

Nelson

drugs, Heffelfinger said. Interviewing the traffic stop suspect led them to another suspect, who revealed where Sanders was staying. Police were looking for Sanders on federal and local warrants, Heffelfinger said.

Early on May 18, police found Sanders at Nelson's home in rural Orland. Heffelfinger said Nelson consented to a search of the house, and police found two handguns, one of which matched the description of a gun stolen from the flea market and another that turned out to be the alleged murder weapon.

The officers called Heffelfinger at 3 a.m. May 18 to report finding the guns, he said. He praised the officers for recognizing the stolen gun. They included DeKalb County Sheriff's

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Deputy Adam Friedel, two Auburn Police patrolmen and members of the I.M.A.G.E. Drug Task Force, all of whom had gone to Orland to arrest Sanders.

Heffelfinger said the officers found a Ruger Super Redhawk .44 handgun that was stolen from the flea market during the murder and robbery. A previous owner later identified it by a scratch on the barrel.

They also found a Ruger 44.40 revolver. Heffelfinger said lab tests confirmed that it fired the bullets found in Morrow's body.

Nelson reportedly told the detective that Sanders and Cain had come to his house on motorcycles about a week before the murder and asked to stay with him. According to Heffelfinger, Sanders had met Cain in Florida in February.

Nelson told Heffelfinger he returned from work on the day of the murder to find Cain and Sanders in his garage, talking about shooting someone.

Nelson also reportedly said that Hess drove Cain back to Florida two days after the murder. Heffelfinger said he searched Hess' pickup truck on May 21 and found a revolver cartridge like those recovered with the alleged murder weapon.

Hess reportedly told Heffelfinger that he knew Morrow, because Hess owed Morrow $4,000.

On May 22, Heffelfinger interviewed Sanders, who said Hess had told Cain that Morrow always had $1,000 with him, and they discussed how to rob Morrow.

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Dolores Emerick

AUBURN — Dolores I. Emerick, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Emerick

Mrs. Emerick worked for Cooper-Standard Automotive in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1986. She then worked at McDonald's in Auburn as a hostess for 15 years, retiring in 2004. She was currently working as a cook at the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

She was a member of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and also attended the Auburn Church of Christ. She also enjoyed line dancing three nights a week.

She was born April 5, 1927, in Corunna to Lawrence A. and Marvel M. (Zonker) Shultz.

She married Ernest Emerick on Jan. 30, 1945, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on July 20, 1989.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Rita Emerick of Auburn, Russell and Marjorie Emerick of Auburn, and Robert and Beverly Emerick of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jim Lowe of Blythe, Calif., and Sally and Eugene Kessler of Auburn; 20 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a son, Victor Emerick; one sister, Virginia Deetz, and a great-grandson.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or Parkview Hospice.

Leland Oster

ANGOLA — Leland Oster, 91, of Angola died Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Oster worked at Warner Gear for 36 years and was a member of the Waterloo-Ashley Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years.

He was born Jan. 24, 1918, to Elsworth and Mary (Clinghan) Oster.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Barbara Oster of Angola; six grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Corinne, in 2005, a daughter, Melanie Felger, a sister, Carrie George, and his parents.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Ashley Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 145, Ashley, IN 46705.

The Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Billy Treesh

NEW HAVEN — Billy E. Treesh, 88, of New Haven died Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at New Haven Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Auburn, he was the son of the late Peter and Ethel Treesh.

He was a member of New Haven United Methodist Church. He served his country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He retired in 1981 from International Harvester after 41 years.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Marguerite; two daughters, Margaret Gillenwater of New Haven and Susan Treesh of Somerset, N.J.; a brother, Robert Treesh of Chicago, Ill.; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Ronald McDonald House.

E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven, is in charge of arrangements.

Erma Miller

TOPEKA — Erma M. Miller, 102, of Topeka died at 10:37 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2009, in Goshen General Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Larry Harman

COLDWATER, Mich. — Larry L. Harman, 73, of Coldwater, Mich., died Monday, May 25, 2009, at Laurels of Coldwater. Cremation has taken place and no services are scheduled. Arrangements are by Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater.

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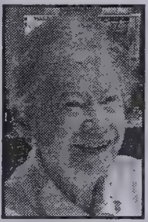
Louise Johnson Herbolsheimer

GALENA, Ohio — Louise King Johnson Herbolsheimer, 92, formerly of Auburn, died peacefully Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at home in Galena, Ohio. She is now with the Lord.



Mrs. Johnson Herbolsheimer

She was born July 31, 1916, in Mesa, Ariz., and grew up in the Southwest. After one year at the University of Arizona, she transferred to the University of New Mexico and graduated with distinction, receiving the first bachelor's degree in fine arts drama awarded by the university.

She married Frederick K.L. Johnson in 1941. They first lived in St. Louis, Mo. Auburn was home from 1954 to 1962. She returned to Auburn from Kenilworth, Ill., after Fred died in 1970.

She married Bruce Herbolsheimer of Auburn in 1975. He preceded her in death in 1977. She remained in Auburn until she moved in May 2005, to live with her son, Fred (Karen) Johnson, first in Ann Arbor, Mich., and then in Galena, Ohio.

Louise was choir director at the Auburn Presbyterian Church for a number of years. She enjoyed and worked at the Eckhart Public Library. She helped start Friends of the Library in Auburn and was its first president. Auburn Improvement Association, Kenwigs literary club, Habanera Club and bridge clubs were some of her interests. Louise was active in Delta Gamma Sorority Alumnae and held local and national positions. She worked to fight blindness through glaucoma testing and raised funds to support schools for the blind. She showed concern for the environment all of her life and was a giving member of numerous conservation organizations.

Louise was also preceded in death by her brother, Rex King Jr., and her parents, Rexford Newton King and Hazel Heaton King.

Left with great legacies from their mother are her children, Marie "Mimi" L. Johnson of Chicago, Ill., Frederick "Johnny" K. Johnson and his wife Karen, and Elizabeth "Beth" Johnson Busch of Leo. She loved and blessed her eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. in the chapel at the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Memorials are to the Eckhart Public Library, Auburn, and Home Reach Hospice, 7708 Green Meadows Drive, Suite D, Lewis Center, OH 43033.

George Swank

FORT WAYNE — George D. Swank, 82, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, May 25, 2009.

Memorial service is Friday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Ruth Monroe

ANGOLA — Ruth E. Monroe, 75, passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at Parkview Hospice in Fort Wayne after suffering a stroke on May 17.

Ruth was the widow of George W. Monroe, who preceded her in death in 1998.

She is survived by her children, Stan Monroe of Angola, Barb Monroe of Angola, Mary Mangus of Fremont and Betty Lawson of Navarre, Fla.; a brother, Tom Dougherty of Greenwood; their spouses; four grandchildren, Elaine Tibbets, Eve Widner, Katy Stephens and Jack Monroe; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, with services immediately following. Private graveside services will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the Memorial Tree Program of Angola, Angola Parks and Recreation, 210 N. Public Square, Angola, IN 46703.

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Harold Zawadzke

KENDALLVILLE — Harold "Zeke" Zawadzke, 72, of Kendallville died Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Zawadzke was born in Kendallville on Sept. 17, 1936, to Paul Karl and Wilda Elizabeth (Kreischer) Zawadzke.

Mr. Zawadzke

He graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1955.

He married Charlotte Ann Clouse on Nov. 26, 1958, in Burr Oak, Ind.

Zeke retired from International Truck and Engine of Indianapolis after 39 years of service. He was a systems programmer. After his retirement, he worked part-time at Cobblestone Golf Course in Kendallville for about 11 years.

Zeke was a member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville, where he was just elected to the church council. He also served as an usher and was active with his Sunday school class. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling in his RV all across America and Canada. While wintering in Arizona, he and his wife enjoyed going to the women's softball games at the University of Arizona. He was an Indiana University basketball fan, Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Cubs fan. Zeke also enjoyed stamp collecting.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Charlotte Zawadzke of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff Zawadzke of Kendallville and Jerry and Calie Zawadzke of Huntertown; a daughter, Laura Zawadzke of Guilford, Conn.; two granddaughters, Brittany McBride of LaGrange and Mollie Zawadzke of Huntertown; two brothers and a sister-in-law, David and Bertha Zawadzke of Blackman Lake and Tom Zawadzke of Sevierville, Tenn.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Paul Junior Zawadzke and infant Richard Zawadzke, and an aunt, Esther Zawadzke.

A celebration of Zeke's life will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, rural Kendallville, with Pastor Phyllis Smoot officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to CaringBridge at www.caringbridge.com or to the American Cancer Society.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com

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Gene Wilson

AUBURN — Gene M. Wilson, 83, of Auburn, died Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilson

He was a retired farmer and had worked as a material handler at Stanadyne and as a rural paper carrier with The Evening Star for more than four years.

He was a member and deacon at the Auburn Church of Christ, a former member of the Dairy Association and an avid high school basketball fan.

He was born April 14, 1926, in Auburn to Merril and Ione Wilson and was a 1926 graduate of McIntosh High School.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Miriam L. Wilson of Auburn; a son, Edwin Wilson of Auburn; three daughters, Linda Cobb-Wirshing of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Norma Lemmon of Auburn and Joyce Gengnagel of Butler; a sister, Nola Girardot of Bryan, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn, with Joe Heins officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ bus fund.

Wayne Miller

ANGOLA — Wayne "Doc" Edward Miller, 60, of Angola, passed away Sunday afternoon, May 24, 2009, in Fort Wayne after a battle with cancer.

Mr. Miller

Wayne was born in 1948 in Adams County to Maurice E. and Edith E. (Habegger) Miller of Berne, who survive.

He graduated from Adams Central High School and attended Ball State University. He worked in the tool-and-die industry as well as auto sales. Wayne spent several years on the board of the local Snowmobile Association as well as serving on the board of Crooked Lake Association. Most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with numerous friends as well as his loving family.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Kami (Miller) and Edward Ulmer of Henniker, N.H., and granddaughters Aria and Arden Ulmer; brother Roger D. Miller of Fort Wayne, sister and brother-in-law Nancy and Don Egley of Decatur and niece Jody (Egley) and Quinn Hirschy of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur with burial to follow at Backesto Cemetery near Berne. Dr. James Compton will officiate.

Friends will be received from 2-8 p.m. today at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to grandchildren Aria and Arden Ulmer's college funds.

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Erma Miller

TOPEKA — Erma M. Miller, 102, of Topeka, died at 10:37 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen, where she had been a patient since May 18.

Mrs. Miller

She was born May 13, 1907, in LaGrange County to James Elmer and Ida (Eash) Miller. On Feb. 8, 1930, she married Ivan M. Miller. He died Oct. 15, 1994.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Emma Mennonite Church where she had been active in the W.M.S.C. She had served as a volunteer at the Fort Wayne State Hospital for several years and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a 1924 graduate of Shipshewana High School and enjoyed quilting, gardening and spending time in her flower beds.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol (Allen) Zehr of Bedford, Evelyn (Ellsworth) Byler of Sturgis, Mich.; three sons, Gaylord (Marilyn) Miller of Topeka, Maurice (Norma) Miller of Topeka, Larry (Fran) Miller of Topeka; 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; five half sisters, Ruth Louise Lambright of Goshen, Helen (Wayne) Neff of LaGrange, Rosalie Yoder of Topeka, Marilyn (Lester) Burkey of Hebron, Carolyn Dillon of Ligonier; two half brothers, Dwight Miller of Goshen, and DeWayne (Shelby) Miller of Cape Coral, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Delmar and Ronald Miller; half brother: Francis Miller; two sisters, Beulah Stutzman and Charlotte Morningstar; and two brothers, William and Harold Miller.

A graveside service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Miller Cemetery, Shipshewana, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. at Emma Mennonite Church, Topeka. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Gene Hartman.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials may be given to Emma Mennonite Church. Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

James Sickafoose

FREMONT — James Thomas Sickafoose, 61, of Lake George, Fremont, died Thursday, May 28, 2009, at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling or services. Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Charles Thorne

COLDWATER, Mich. — Charles "George" Thorne, 80, of Coldwater died May 25, 2009.

Memorial services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Lockwood Community Church.

Interment will follow at Fort Custer National Cemetery at 2:30 p.m.

Putnam Funeral Home of Coldwater is handling arrangements.

Lorraine Rockey

EDON, Ohio — Lorraine M. Rockey, 79, of Edon, Ohio, died Tuesday, May 26, 2009, in her home.

Services will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Edon Church of Christ, Edon, with minister David LaDuke officiating. Interment will follow in Edon Cemetery, Edon.

Calling will be in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

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George Swank

FORT WAYNE — Many of you have met my father … you would recognize him as the "whistling man" at the grocery store, or as the "man with the handlebar mustache," or as the "wine man." My father passed away on Memorial Day this year. It is somewhat fitting that this World War II veteran will bring new meaning of this day for our family and friends. George D. Swank was our father. He was born April 12, 1927.

Mr. Swank

George met our mother (Ruth D. Swank) at a dance in high school. She used to say that he was "a schoolgirl's catch" although I am not quite sure who caught who.

He is survived by five wonderful kids … at least that is what they will tell you about themselves. They include: sons, Jan (Jill) and Tyler Swank, of South Dakota, son, Bradd (Claudia), and Devon Swank of Oregon, son, Randy (Annette), Aris, Jessica, and Haley Swank of Auburn, Ind.; daughter, Georgia Swank (Steve Weickert), Cory and Logan Swank-Wallace of Louisville, Ky; son, Kurt (Karie), Austin and Garrison Swank of Connecticut.

George earned a master's degree from Purdue University in industrial management, with a bachelor's degree in education. His work experience started when he enlisted in the military. He was a technical instructor in the Air Force Communications School at Scott Air Force Base. He moved to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he became the lead engineer and established a technical writing facility for Technical Operations Section of Government Service Division. He held a government security clearance of "secret." Later in his career, George worked for RCA, ITT, BOMARC, Farnsworth Electronics, and MEMCOR where he supervised field work with communications, radar, fire control systems, signal simulation systems and automatic test equipment. There were several interesting people that George met, was acquainted with, and worked with over the years. One of these was Wernher Von Braun (German scientist recruited after World War II). Another was Philo T. Farnsworth (the inventor of the television) who lived in Fort Wayne. We always told him that he should write a book about his life, but no one could read his handwriting!

It wouldn't be fitting if we didn't share a story or two about George Swank …. He once threw a full paint brush at my brother off of the top of a ladder. Fortunately it missed; unfortunately it landed inside the driver's door window of the 1969 white Pontiac. I never met anyone as fast at the short sprint as George … he ran a 100-yard sprint faster than I have ever seen. George imported and sold wine; "never liked the taste of it" … George used to be a "Gandy Dancer." Before you get any ideas of what this is, look it up. These were the teams that drove the railroad spikes … one guy holding while the other swung the gandy-hammer.

Dad … we will miss you and want you to know that we love you. We are independent because of you, are successful because of you, and will cherish the fond memories you have provided us. One bit of bad news, "Mom is going to want a full explanation as to what you have been doing when you see her."

A memorial service will take place today at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, with calling one hour prior. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Frances Kearns

LAOTTO — After a full and adventurous life, Frances Patrick Wyatt Kearns passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 27, 2009.

Mrs. Kearns

Born on Jan. 19, 1914, in Brisbane, Australia, she made the world her home.

An avid traveler and explorer, her lifelong curiosity resulted in a wealth of knowledge.

Graduating from Queensland Teachers' College, she enthusiastically passed that love of learning onto her students in Mackay and Auburn.

Her passion of travel and her devotion to her family are chronicled in loving detail in her many scrapbooks and journals.

A patriotic Australian, the rugged beauty and wild nature of her homeland were held in the highest reverence. However, after meeting the love of her life, the handsome G.I. Joseph Charles Kearns during World War II, the proud war bride embraced the United States of America as her second home.

The young couple settled on the family farm, Corroboree Farm in LaOtto, Ind., which she soon transformed into a gardener's paradise and a loving family home, although she never stopped making trips back to her cherished Australia.

She spent the latter years of life traveling between the homes of her offspring in Chester, Conn., Mackay, Queensland, Mono Centre, Ontario, and LaCresent, Minn. Devout member of the Church of England, Master of Education (Saint Francis College, Fort Wayne), teacher at East Auburn Elementary School, horticulturalist, nature lover, chronicler, artist, friend, free spirit, Scrabble master, crossword aficionado and Belle of the Ball, Mrs. Joseph C. Kearns loved most of all to laugh.

Predeceased by beloved husband, Joseph Charles Kearns, cherished parents Frances Elizabeth Clark Wyatt and Henry John Wyatt, and brother John Humphrey Hector Wyatt.

Mother to Joseph Patrick Wyatt Kearns, Frances Cosette Leonore Pathak, Humphrey Charles Howard Kearns and Dr. Christopher John Clark Kearns; mother-in-law to Rebecca Julin Kearns; and grandmother to Dr. Elizabeth Jane Pathak, Frances Alexandra Pathak, Noah Julin Kearns and his wife, Amy, and Charly Joseph Kearns, she will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered.

A memorial will be held in Garrett, Ind., in July.

"We can't live in the past anymore. The future is foreboding, so I just intend to get, and cause as many laughs as I can." — Frances Patrick Wyatt Kearns 1914-2009

Carolyn Cherry

FORT WAYNE — Carolyn Sue Cherry, 75, went to her heavenly home Thursday, May 28, 2009.

Mrs. Cherry

Born in Kendallville, she worked as a foreperson with Magnavox for 27 years, retiring in 1991. She was a member of Magnavox Management and Foreman's Clubs, a longtime volunteer at Turnstone and a personal friend of Serenity House.

She is survived by her children, Christy S. (Paul) Albright Doeden of Northville, Mich., Craig S. (Judi) Cherry of Richardson, Texas, and Caril S. (David) Lucas of Fort Wayne; brother, Gene Casebere of St. Joe; sister, Nancy L. Casebere of Hicksville, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Canaan, Lily, Lyla, Lola, Lana, Nicole, Mark, Jordan, and Dylan.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond H. and Genevieve E. Casebere; and friend, Harold Farrell.

Memorial service is 6 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling from 1 to 5 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Turnstone Center or Serenity House-Auburn.

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James Sickafoose

FREMONT — James Thomas Sickafoose, 61, of Lake George, Fremont, died Thursday, May 28, 2009, at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sickafoose was a retired locomotive engineer for Norfolk Southern Railway.

He was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge, Angola Elks Lodge 2398, Orland American Legion Post 423 and American Legion Riders.

He was born June 14, 1947, in Fort Wayne to H. Dale and Helen (Grant) Sickafoose.

Surviving are his wife, Sally A. Sickafoose of Lake George.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be left at beamsfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Nisley

TOPEKA — Barbara Nisley, 77, of rural Topeka died Friday, May 29, 2009, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Vernon Nisley residence, 2775 W. C.R. 700S, Topeka, with services there Monday at 1 p.m.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Betty Zolman

CHURUBUSCO — Betty M. Zolman, 88, of Churubusco died Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 9:45 p.m. at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Condolences may be left at sheetsandchilds.net.

Thomas Clark

ASHLEY — Thomas R. Clark, 43, died Thursday, May 28, 2009, at home.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with calling there after 11 a.m. Monday. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition of this newspaper.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 31, 2009, Sunday

Former Auburn resident loved beauty

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AUBURN — Louise King Johnson Herbolsheimer had a variety of interests, but they all came back to her appreciation of the beauty of life, said her daughter, Beth Busch.

Herbolsheimer, a longtime Auburn resident, died March 25 in Galena, Ohio, where she lived with her son, Fred, and his wife, Karen. She was 92.

"She just had a love for beauty," Busch said. "She showed us that beauty comes in all kinds of ways. She wasn't locked into one viewpoint."

Herbolsheimer had a deep admiration for the American Southwest. She was born in Mesa, Ariz., to Rexford Newton and Hazel Heaton King.

"She had a love for conservation and for the land and all, because her father was a botany major and then a forestry major, and he was head of soil conservation in the Southwest territory, and she grew up having that love and care of the environment," Busch said. "She was never out there really vocal, publicly, but she gave money to things, and if you knew her, you knew she had that love of the beauty, the creation."

Herbolsheimer continued to travel back to the Southwest nearly every year throughout her life.

"She never lost her love for that part of the country," Busch said.

She also shared stories with her friends, including Pamela Scranton of Auburn, who was in the Kenwigs literary club with Herbolsheimer.

"I loved listening about the Southwest," Scranton said. "That was her heritage. That's where she was from."

But Herbolsheimer wasn't only passionate about the land — she also enjoyed fine arts.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Former Auburn resident Louise King Johnson Herbolsheimer relaxes in the La Fonda Hotel in Sante Fe, N.M., in May 2007. She died March 25 at the age of 92.

"She just had a love for beauty, and that was shown in her love for music, all kinds of music, and the written word and art and dance and drama," Busch said.

She shared her appreciation for a variety of music and art with her children, Busch said.

"We grew up observing ballet and hearing a little opera and classical, and at the same time going out West and seeing Native American children dancing in bright costumes to the sound of drums," Busch said. "We just had such a contrast. We'd eat off Haviland china, but we had wooden Kachina dolls from the Hopi Indian. It was just a real blend of different sorts of cultural things."

Busch said she especially remembers her mother playing the piano as Busch sang Rodgers & Hammerstein songs.

"She would accompany me, and it must have been hilarious when I was little, belting out 'Bali H'ai' and songs from 'Carousel' and all those musicals," Busch said.

Herbolsheimer spent two summers at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., as a teenager, participating in a drama program. She attended University of Arizona in Tucson for a year before transferring to the University of New Mexico, where she received the university's first Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a drama major and minors in music and English.

She spent a year teaching Navajo children in an Albuquerque school before marrying her first husband, Fred Johnson, and moving to St. Louis. They moved to Auburn in 1954, when Fred took a job with Borg-Warner. They moved to Illinois in 1962, and after Fred's death in 1970, she moved back to Auburn. She married Bruce Herbolsheimer in 1975, and he died in 1977.

Mrs. Herbolsheimer attended the Auburn Presbyterian Church and shared her musical gifts as a choir director there. She also was a part of a dance group in Auburn, Scranton said.

Herbolsheimer also enjoyed reading. She helped form and was the first president of the Friends of the Eckhart Public Library and volunteered at the library for years. She was a member of the Kenwigs literary club, a group that read and discussed books, and especially enjoyed classic books.

"I didn't realize until I was grown up that it was slightly unusual to have read all those classic books," Busch said. "She was always sad that people weren't reading those."

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Arlene Werker

ALBION — Arlene F. Werker, 74, of Albion, died May 29, 2009, at Progressive Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 25 1935, in Elkhart County to Wilbur & Mary (Stoltz) Saggars. She married Wayne Werker October 26, 1958, he survives.

She was a Lifetime area resident. After working as an elementary school teacher she along with her husband built Albion Bowl in Albion, and had owned and operated the business from its inception in 1967.

She was a graduate of Millersburg High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Manchester College and a Masters from St. Frances College. She was a member of Richville United Methodist Church. Arlene had also served for many years on the Indiana Bowling Proprietors Board of Directors.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Werker of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Grace Werker of Albion; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Don Sheline of Goshen, and Rosalie and Steve Meck of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Patricia Sue Werker in 2000, and a sister, Elaine Sue Hibschman.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Richville United Methodist Church, with Pastor Carol Knox officiating.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South; Ligonier, and one hour prior to the service.

Memorial Contributions are to Richville United Methodist Church- 11009 CR 50 Ligonier, IN 46767 or Albion Bowl Youth Bowling Program-4010 N State RD 9; Albion, IN 46701.

Carolyn Cherry

FORT WAYNE — Carolyn Sue Cherry, 75, went to her heavenly home Thursday, May 28, 2009.

Born in Kendallville, she worked as a foreperson with Magnavox for 27 years, retiring in 1991. She was a member of Magnavox Management and Foreman's Clubs, a longtime volunteer at Turnstone and a personal friend of Serenity House.

Mrs. Cherry

She is survived by her children, Christy S. (Paul) Albright Doeden of Northville, Mich., Craig S. (Judi) Cherry of Richardson, Texas, and Caril S. (David) Lucas of Fort Wayne; brother, Gene Casebere of St. Joe; sister, Nancy L. Casebere of Hicksville, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Canaan, Lily, Lyla, Lola, Lana, Nicole, Mark, Jordan, and Dylan.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond H. and Genevieve E. Casebere; and friend, Harold Farrell.

Memorial service is 6 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with calling from 1 to 5 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Turnstone Center or Serenity House-Auburn.

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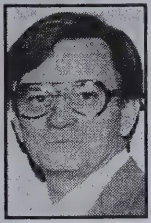
John Kendrick

KENDALLVILLE — John L. Kendrick, 71, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 30, 2009, at his residence following a long illness.


Mr. Kendrick

Mr. Kendrick has lived in this area for 39 years, coming from Kentucky. He was a supervisor at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville from 1967 to 1988. Prior to that he worked in Hindman, Kentucky, as a television and radio repairman. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Kendallville.

He was born April 19, 1938, in Lackey, Kentucky, to the late William Miles and Goldie (Harper) Kendrick. On Nov. 24, 1960, in Larks Lane, Kentucky, he married Betty L. Owsley.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Betty L. Kendrick of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kim and Terry Molargik of Albany, Ga., and Karyn and Hamed KounyaLi of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John E. Kendrick of Kendallville, and Anthony and Dian Kendrick of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Les Lottes, Jr., John Thomas Bivins, Sarah Bloomfield, Katlyn Bloomfield, Jeff Bloomfield, William Bloomfield, Tora Anne and Leif Thompson, and Samantha Kendrick; and a brother and sister-in-law, Franklin and Dolores Kendrick of Benton Harbor, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Katherine Bachorski and Ruth McCoy and a brother, Paul Kendrick.

A memorial service will be Monday at 5 p.m. in the Church of Christ, 307 East North Street, Kendallville, with Pastor Ellis Crum officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the Church of Christ Mission Fund, 307 East North Street, Kendallville, IN, 46755.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Nisley

TOPEKA — Barbara Ellen Nisley, 77, of Topeka died at 6:35 PM on Friday, May 29, 2009, at Elkhart General Hospital Elkhart, due to complications from heart surgery.

She was born Jan. 18, 1932 in LaGrange County, to Joni and Gertie (Schrock) Nisley. On Nov. 27, 1952, she married John C. Nisley, he died July 17, 2003.

She was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Lillian Nisley of LaGrange, Gertie Ann and Harvey Bontrager of Mendon, Mich., Mary Etta and Clarence Gingerich of Shipshewana, Lorene Nisley of Topeka; four sons, Paul and Mary Etta Nisley of Topeka, Joe and Lou Ella Nisley of New Paris, Vernon and Sara Nisley of Topeka, Freeman and Mary Esther Nisley of Wolcottville; 28 Grandchildren, a step-grandson, 18 great-grandchildren, 2 step-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Clara and Mervin Schofield of Denver, CO, Betty and Aaron Esh of Newburg, Penn., Jane and Elias Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; two brothers, Ray and Ida Miller of LaGrange, and Lee and Marilyn Miller of Sarasota, Fla.

She was preceded in death by parents, husband, a still born daughter, three brothers, Lester, Walter and Vernon Miller and two sisters, Mary Alice Hochstetler and Wilma Miller.

Visitation will be all day Sunday at the Vernon Nisley Residence, 2775 West 700 South, Topeka. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. at the same residence.

Services will be conducted by Bishop Elroy Miller and the home ministers.

Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, LaGrange.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Donald Demorest

ANGOLA — Donald Dean Demorest, 60, of Angola, died Friday, May 29, 2009, in Westbend, Wis.

He was born Sept. 19, 1948, in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola

Nancy Burch

FREMONT — Nancy F. Burch, 73, of Fremont died Saturday, May 30, 2009, at her home.

She was born Feb. 4, 1936, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Fay and Ila (Carey) Arnold. She married Kendall D. Burch on Sept. 5, 1952. He died Aug. 21, 1985.

She worked at Coast to Coast in Angola for 15 years.

She is survived by a son and companion, Steve Burch and Darlene Bonham of Hudson; a daughter and son-in-law, Almeda and Jim Burkhart of Fremont; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Ann and Cleo Swan of Hillsdale, and Connie and Jim Lowe of Reading, Mich., four grandchildren, Nic and Carrie Lantz, Ian Burkhart and Travis Burkhart, all of Fremont; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Stevie Burkhart, and an infant sister, Charlotte.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with Pastor Craig Burkholder officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Marie Jones

COLUMBIA CITY — Marie E. Jones, 90, a former resident of Churubusco and Fort Wayne and more recently of Columbia City, died Friday, May 29, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Monday from 2 to 8 p.m., or one hour prior to the services Tuesday morning.

Interment will be in the Nolt Cemetery, Columbia Township.

Memorials may be directed to the Whitley County Well Child Clinic or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Thomas Clark

ASHLEY — Thomas R. Clark, 43, of Ashley died Thursday, May 28, 2009, at his home.

He was born in Kendallville on Oct. 4, 1965.

He was a shipping clerk at Vestil in Angola. He was an avid NASCAR fan and loved the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. He loved spending time with his son, Tyler, who was the love of his life. He was a 1983 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He is survived by his beloved son, Tyler Ray Clark of Ashley; two sisters and a brother-in-law Cindy and Jim Carper of Wolcottville, and Valerie Pinerio and companion Ron Shoudel of Ashley; special nieces and nephews Sara and Matt Ring, Brittney Pinerio and Brad and Eric Carper.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph W. Clark, and grandparents Lawrence and Edith Firestone and Thomas Clark.

Services are at 1 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with calling two hours prior to the services. Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna.

Memorials to benefit Tyler Ray Clark, care of Farmers State Bank P.O. Box 40, Ashley, IN 46705.

Condolences to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Two die in LaGrange crash

Driver arrested for alleged drunk driving following three-car incident Sunday

BY TIFFANY YODER
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EMMA — An allegedly intoxicated driver caused a crash which killed two people Sunday morning in rural LaGrange County.

Leslie Handshoe, 47, of Wolcottville and William Kaser, 66, of Wawaka died in the crash.

According to police, Matthew Parish, 25, of Fort Wayne was traveling north on S.R. 5, just north of C.R. 50S, near Meadowview Elementary School, at 7:10 a.m. when his Saturn Aura struck the right rear end of Kaser's 2007 Chevrolet Impala, causing Kaser's car to cross the center line and into the path of Handshoe's Dodge Caravan.

Both Kaser and Handshoe were wearing their safety belts.

Kaser was pronounced dead at the scene, and Handshoe died while in flight to a hospital.

Lisa Hochstetler, 19, of Wolcottville, was riding in Handshoe's van and suffered lacerations and internal injuries.

"She was flown down to Parkview," LaGrange County Sheriff Terry Martin said. "They said she was in stable condition."

Parish allegedly had been drinking, and was arrested on a preliminary charge of operating while intoxicated causing death, and was booked into the LaGrange County Jail, according to Martin. Martin said he believed Parish would be charged with two Class C felony counts of operating while intoxicated causing death.

Assisting in the investigation were the Indiana State Police, Shipshewana Fire Department and LaGrange Emergency Medical Services.

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Wayne Truelove Sr.

WATERLOO — Wayne Earl Truelove Sr., 72, of Waterloo died Saturday May 30, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

Mr. Truelove

Mr. Truelove worked for the Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Company in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1998.

He was born Aug. 3, 1936, in Garrett to Chester and Thelma (Darrow) Truelove.

He married Nora Barger on May 19, 1965, in Auburn, and she survives in Waterloo.

Surviving are eight sons and daughters-in-law, Jim Truelove of Kendallville, Dave and Chris Truelove of Butler, Rick and Sheryl Truelove of Waterloo, Randy Truelove of Garrett, Steven Truelove of Butler, Barry Truelove of Waterloo, Wayne Truelove Jr. of Waterloo, Garrick Truelove of Waterloo; one daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Danny Livergood of Waterloo; 20 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and two sisters, Betty Woods of Auburn, and Maxine householder of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mark Truelove who died Nov. 7, 1983; and one grandson.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the funeral service Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Nora Truelove.

Izola McMillen

GARRETT — Izola M. (Conrad) McMillen, age 92 of Garrett, died at 4:10 a.m. Sunday, May 31, 2009 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. McMillen

She was born May 10, 1917 in Noble County, Indiana to Edgar Earl and Izola E. (Ridinger) Hicks. They preceded her in death.

She married Delbert E. Conrad on June 10, 1937 in Plymouth, Indiana, and he died on May 10, 1974.

She married John D. McMillen on May 14, 1977 and he died in Sept. 1979.

She was a homemaker and a member of the County Line Church of God of rural Auburn.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Glema and George Klinger of Crooked Lake, Angola, and Joyce and Herb Ohlwine of Churubusco; three sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Kathie Conrad of Garrett, Ronald and Penny Conrad of Corunna and Allan and Karen (Kate) Conrad of Elkhart; a sister, Adartha Minegar of Elkhart; two step-daughters, Sandra Kovaleski and Mary Jo Harger; 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren and several stepgrandchildren, stepgreat-grandchildren and stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both husbands; a stepson, John D. McMillen Jr.; and two sisters, Bonnia V. Wade and Vera Haslett.

The services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Officiating will be Rev. Alan H. Black. Burial will follow in Embrey Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. prior to the service in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting thomasfuneralhome.org

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Frances Charlton

BUTLER — Frances Isabelle Charlton, 90, of Butler died Sunday May 31, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Charlton was a homemaker. She was a member of the Gospel Lighthouse in Kendallville.

She was born Oct. 19, 1918, in Ohio to William and Ethel (Donaldson) Maxwell.

She married Edman Woodrow Charlton on July 5, 1944 and he passed away May 6, 2005.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, William and Rosie Fagan of Yoder, Frank and Ann Charlton of Fremont, and Herbert and Betty Charlton of Edgerton, Ohio; three daughters, Betty Sale of Butler, Brenda Maxfield of Auburn, and Mary Charlton of Kendallville; 20 grandchildren and 50 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Dorothy Sue Klotz, and Margaret Ann Charlton; two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be 12 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Brenda Maxfield.

Frank Cripe

KENDALLVILLE — Frank E. Cripe, 87, of Kendallville and formerly c Goshen died at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, May 31, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen.

William Kaser

WAWAKA — William F. "Bill" Kaser, 66, of Wawaka died unexpectedly as a result of a car accident in LaGrange County Sunday, May 31, 2009.

Arrangements are pending with Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Condolences for the family may be left at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Leslie Handshoe

WOLCOTTVILLE — Leslie A. "Les" Handshoe, 47, of Wolcottville died Sunday, May 31, 2009, as the result of an auto accident on State Road 5 in LaGrange County.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

A full obituary will be available for Tuesday's paper.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Sincere Thanks From the Family of Roger Targgart

The family of the late Roger Targgart wishes to express our sincere thanks for those many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, and visits during our recent loss. Your thoughts, prayers, kind words and presence during this most difficult time have meant more to our family than we can convey. To everyone that waited in the long line for calling, thank you. We deeply appreciate your enduring the wait. Thank you for caring.

We express gratitude to Goshen General Hospital and the Center for Cancer Care for their skilled and compassionate care during Roger's brief illness and death. We would also like to thank Daniel Blevins and the staff at Yeager Funeral Home. Your service was outstanding and caring during our time of great sorrow.

May each and every one of you that touched our lives be blessed many times over for your thoughtfulness. God Bless!

The Targgart Family
Crystal; Matthew & Robin;
Travis & Candice; Stacey & Travis;
Ron & Clara; Karen; Adam;
Rachel & Tyler; Mary and Brian

THE NEWS SUN
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June 2, 2009, Tuesday

Betty Wells

PLEASANT LAKE — Betty L. Wells, 77, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, May 31, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She was born Sept. 14, 1931, in Auburn to William and Sylvia Wells.

Ms. Wells

She enjoyed gardening and playing her violin and piano.

She was a member of Freedom to Worship Church of God.

Survivors include daughters, Sue (Gordon) Patton of Avilla and Mary (Dave) Eicher of Hicksville; sons, James Refner of Pleasant Lake and Greg Refner of Ashley; a sister, Bernice Jackson of Pleasant Lake; a half sister, Virginia Freeman of Auburn; grandchildren, Nicole (Joshua) Walters of Hicksville, Megan (Nicholas) Traxler of Antwerp and Bridget Eicher of Hicksville; stepgrandchildren, Timothy Patton of Cape Canaveral, Fla., Daniel Patton of Avilla and Teresa (Noah) Jewel of Fort Wayne; great-grandchildren, Ethan Walters and Jarod Traxler; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lewis Wells; sisters, Velma Wells and Judy Kessler; and a grandson, Shane Kaiser.

Funeral service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main Street, Auburn, with Pastor Joe Freeman officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to the National Alzheimer's Association.

Leslie Handshoe

WOLCOTTVILLE — Leslie Arnold "Les" Handshoe, 47, of Wolcottville died Sunday, May 31, 2009, at 8:52 a.m. while en route to Parkview Hospital following an accident on State Road 5 in LaGrange County.

Mr. Handshoe was self-employed. He and his wife had transported Amish in the area.

Mr. Handshoe

He attended East Noble High School.

Mr. Handshoe was an avid fan of NASCAR, Indianapolis Colts football, and loved Jeremy Mayfield.

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend.

He was born February 19, 1962, in Kendallville to Arnold and Flora (Harmon) Handshoe. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Kendallville.

He was married July 2, 1994, in Hindman, Kentucky, to Sue Bischoff. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a son, Jeremy Bischoff of Wolcottville; a grandson, Brody Bischoff of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Lois Handshoe of Kendallville; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Judy Boyd of Kendallville, Jeanette Mansfield of Fort Wayne, Hazel and Carroll Ensley of Gastonia, North Carolina, Betty Handshoe of Kendallville, and Ellen and Jeff Hicks of Kendallville; his mother-in-law, Violet Bischoff of Wolcottville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, James Boyd, two nephews, Richard Lightner and James Robert Boyd III, and his father-in-law, Gordon Bischoff.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 2 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Emory Gibson officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Casketbearers will be Wayne Handshoe, Jeff Hicks, Larry Criswell, Clovis "Punk" Hoover, Raymond Hamilton, and Curtis Pruitt.

Calling is today, Tuesday, June 2, 2009, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Donald Shaw

LIGONIER — Donald R. Shaw, 77, of Ligonier died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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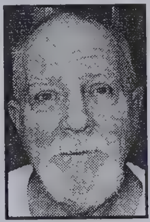
Marvin Woodcock

KENDALLVILLE — Marvin Eugene Woodcock, 72, of Kendallville died on Saturday, May 30, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was employed at International Harvester in Fort Wayne in 1959 and later with Navistar in Springfield, Ohio, before retiring in 1989 after 30 years of service.


Mr. Woodcock

After he graduated from Auburn High School in 1955, he entered the United States Air Force and served his country from 1955-1959.

Mr. Woodcock was born in Garrett, Ind., on Feb. 5, 1937, to Alfred Edwin and Alma Louise (Stoll) Woodcock.

Surviving are three sons, Donald and Lisa Woodcock of Denver, Colo., Ralph Woodcock of Chandler, Ariz., and Neal and Ginger Woodcock of Northglenn, Colo.; two daughters, Nila and Willie Soliz of Mesa, Ariz., and Pamela Gilkey and her companion, Gary Vermillion, both of Athens, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; five sisters, Carolyn and Dale Healy of Auburn, Gloria and Bill Howe of Auburn, Linda Kapp of Auburn, Marjorie Hecht and her companion, James Koegel, both of Fort Wayne, and Connie Sue and Lynn Carper of Auburn; two brothers, Glen Woodcock of Churubusco and Thomas Woodcock of Fort Wayne; and special friend, Diane Ley of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sons, DeWayne, Rex and Patrick Woodcock; and a granddaughter, Laura Beasley.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial, with full military honors, will be at Marion National Cemetery in Marion.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Jane Kolbow

FREMONT — Jane Helen Kolbow, 85, of Fremont died Sunday, May 31, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Kolbow had worked as a dime store clerk at Gower's in Fremont and R.L. Barett in New Haven and Fremont.

Mrs. Kolbow

She was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church and was the church's contact person for the Prayer Chain Hot Line.

Mrs. Kolbow loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her hobbies included reading and being outdoors. She was an avid Cleveland Browns and Chicago Cubs fan.

She was born Dec. 24, 1923, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Steve and Johanna (Kesselbauer) Wewerka. She married Donald Harry Kolbow and he died Feb. 14, 1981.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Debra Kolbow of Fremont; four grandchildren and their spouses, Kent and Karrie Kolbow of Granger, Amy and Bud Cherry of Angola, Erik and Christine Kolbow of New Mexico and Lisa and Travis Bloom of Angola; eight great-grandchildren; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a sister, Anna Koch.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont .

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association or Cameron Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 2, 2009, Tuesday

Mary Ann Schadel

SPRING LAKE, Mich. — Mary Ann Schadel, 72, of Spring Lake died Friday, May 29, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Schadel moved to the Spring Lake area in 1975 from Kendallville, Ind., and had been a former co-owner of Cares Inc.

Mrs. Schadel

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, a certified Religious Education Teacher and taught CCD for many years.

Mrs. Schadel had been a 4-H volunteer and Scout Mother.

She was born Sept. 8, 1936, in Carroll, Iowa, to Alois and Mary (McGowan) Becker.

She is survived by two daughters, Laureen "Laurie" Schadel of Nunica and Lisa Schadel of Muskegon; three sons, Michael (Angela) Schadel of Kendallville, Paul (Susan) Schadel of Holland and Rick (Bonnie) Schadel of Ferrysburg; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Patricia (Philip) Schulte of Perry, Iowa, and Rose (Larry) Sanders of Millstadt, Ill.; a brother, Ferdinand (Virginia) Becker of Dover, Ark.; several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Vicki Mathes.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Heather Ann Schadel.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Spring Lake with the Rev. Leonard Sudlik officiating. Burial will be in Spring Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Frank Cripe

GOSHEN — Frank E. Cripe, 87, of Kendallville and formerly of Goshen died Sunday, May 31, 2009, at 8:45 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Cripe had served in the National Guard for 20 years.

Mr. Cripe

He had worked at the Chase Bag Factory for 42 years.

Mr. Cripe was a graduate of Goshen High School.

He was born July 13, 1921, in Goshen to Burton and Burtha Druscila (Cotes) Cripe. He married Joyce Aumsbaugh on April 15, 1944, in Paris, Texas. She died Dec. 4, 1995.

Surviving are a brother, Robert Cripe of San Antonio, Texas; a longtime friend, Ann Stockton of Kendallville; a grandson; a granddaughter; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Connie Kramer of LaPorte.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Tonnya Rosezelle.

Services will be at 2 p.m Wednesday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.rrefh.com.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School.

Condolences may be sent to www.vbkfuneralhome.com.

William Kaser

WAWAKA — William F. "Bill" Kaser, 66, of Wawaka died Sunday, May 31, 2009, from injuries in a traffic accident.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery in Cosperville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240-3509.

Elaine Felger

FORT WAYNE — Elaine Felger, 69, of Fort Wayne died unexpectedly Sunday, May 31, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Donald Rothstein

WATERLOO — Donald Rothstein, 73, of Waterloo and formerly of Fort Wayne died Sunday, May 31, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with Father Dave Carkenord of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo officiating.

Memorials are to the Down Syndrome Association of Northeast Indiana, P.O. Box 13611, Fort Wayne, IN 46865.

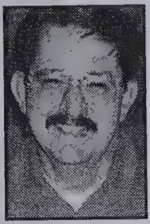
Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 3, 2009, Wednesday

William Kaser

WAWAKA — William F. "Bill" Kaser, 66, of Wawaka died at 7:41 a.m. Sunday, May 31, 2009, in LaGrange County from injuries he received in a traffic accident.



Mr. Kaser

Bill was a lifetime area resident.

He had worked at Johnson Controls in Goshen for more than 10 years and had owned and operated Kaser Flowers in Rome City for 29 years. For the past eight years, he had worked at Dollar General in Shipshewana.

Mr. Kaser was a 1961 graduate of Wawaka High School.

He served his country honorably from 1961 to 1965 in the United States Army.

Mr. Kaser was a member of Cosperville Baptist Church.

He was born Jan. 10, 1943, in Cosperville to Roman and Bertha (Steinbarger) Kaser.

Surviving are a sister, Beverly (Bill) Martin of Wawaka; a brother, Vernon Kaser of Wawaka; a niece, Mary Ellen Martin of Wawaka; two nephews, Curtis Dale Martin of Wawaka and Charles L. Martin of Wawaka; and several cousins including Sharon Steinbarger of South Bend.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Olive Oesch officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery at Cosperville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240-3509.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Donald Shaw

LIGONIER — Donald R. Shaw, 77, of Ligonier died at 1:16 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mr. Shaw

Mr. Shaw moved to the area in 1973.

He retired from the United States Air Force as a master sergeant in 1973 after 20 years of honorable service to his country. In addition to his military career, he was an electrician and had been a real estate agent and insurance agent for more than 20 years.

Mr. Shaw was a member of both the Masons and the Shriners organizations.

He was born June 1, 1932, in Vici, Okla. to Albert and Bertha Caroline (Hay) Shaw. He married Suzanne Williams on June 26, 1954. She survives.

Surviving along with his wife, Suzanne, of Ligonier, are a son, Kenneth and Cathy Shaw of Ligonier; a daughter, Deborah and Kim Shock of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three grandsons, Benjamin and Aimee Shaw of Grove City, Ohio, Daniel and Chrissy Shaw of Sweetser, Ind., and Paul Shock of Colorado Springs; one granddaughter, Carol Rose and Jason Cuppy of Colorado Springs; and three great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 5, 2009, at the Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with the Rev. Steve Cox officiating.

Burial with full military rites by the United States Air Force Honor Guard will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 3, 2009, Wednesday

Donald Demorest

ANGOLA — Donald Dean Demorest, 60, of Angola died Friday, May 29, 2009, in West Bend, Wis.

Mr. Demorest was a truck driver for Kreil Kamp Trucking.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Angola American Legion Post 31.

He was born Sept. 19, 1948, in Angola to Donald Blaine and Anna (Henderson) Demorest. He married Susan White on Jan. 12, 1985. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Derrick Demorest of Leo and Drew Demorest of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Daphne Thompson of Ashley, Donette Beard of Keystone Heights, Fla., Tonnia Morrison of Fort Wayne and Virginia Morrison of Angola; 19 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Fred Morrison.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Lake Baptist Church in Pleasant Lake with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald Deller

FORT WAYNE — Gerald "Buzz" Deller, 86, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Angola died Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Deller had been an attorney and practiced law in Steuben County for 25 years. He had also served as a federal judge.

He was a member of the Steuben County Bar Association, First Assembly of God Church in Fort Wayne and Angola American Legion Post 31.

Mr. Deller was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He was born June 2, 1923, in Steuben County to Frank and Gertrude (German) Deller. He married Nancy Wilder on March 20, 1982. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons, Timothy Deller of Lake City, Colo., and David Deller of Denver, Colo.; a stepson, Randy Skaggs of Elkhart; a stepdaughter, Sandra Beck of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Gloria Spangle.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Ron Hawkins officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola with military graveside rites by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

James Galligher

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — James L. "Jimmy" Galligher, 61, of Grand Junction died at 11:55 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 2009, in Grand Junction.

Mr. Galligher was a 1965 graduate of Auburn High School in Auburn, Ind.

He served in the United States Marine Corps from February 1966 through November 1969 and saw duty in Vietnam. He received several medals including multiple awards for the Good Conduct Medal.

He was born June 22, 1947, in Indianapolis, Ind., to Donald W. Galligher Sr. and Patricia J. (Cuney) Galligher. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are his children, Michele (Galligher) O'Connor of Grand Junction, Tate Galligher of Kendallville, Ind., and Katrina Galligher of Grand Junction; four grandchildren; brothers, David and Peggy Galligher of Auburn, Ind., Jeffrey and Tina Galligher and Gary Galligher, all of Waterloo, Ind., and Daniel and Shannon Galligher of Auburn; a sister, Cyndi Galligher of Auburn; several nieces and nephews; two uncles; and four aunts.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Galligher Jr.; a niece, Jenny Galligher; and an uncle.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 13, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 3, 2009, Wednesday

Rae Chaudoin

ANGOLA — Rae Jean "Pud" Mohr Chaudoin, 86, a former longtime resident of Angola, died March 20, 2009, at the Christian Health Center in Hopkinsville, Ky.

Born and raised near Coldwater, Mich., Mrs. Chaudoin was retired from the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County where she worked for many years as a teacher's aide and library aide.

She was a 50-year member of the Angola Church of Christ, a member of the Angola Order of Eastern Star, and the Coldwater Women of the Moose.

Surviving are two sons, William J. "Joe" Chaudoin of Herndon, Ky., and Andrew "Andy" A. Chaudoin of Palm Springs, Calif.; a daughter, Colette A. Chaudoin Park of Trophy Club, Texas; eight grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" A. Chaudoin, and a son, Thomas "Tom" R. Chaudoin.

A graveside service will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Cemetery, south of Fremont, off S.R. 827.

Thomas Stewart

WOLCOTTVILLE — Retired Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Stewart, 57, of The Villages, Fla., and Westler Lake, Wolcottville, Ind., died Tuesday, June 2, 2009, in Health Central Hospital in Ocoee, Fla., due to complications from surgery.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Elaine Felger

FORT WAYNE — Elaine A. Felger, 69, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, May 31, 2009, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 7914 W. Cook Road. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Nonny Morse

GARRETT — Nonny Morse, 96, of Garrett died Sunday, May 31, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

There will be no services.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Russell Hogan

ANGOLA — Russell R. Hogan, 66, of Angola died Monday, June 1, 2009, at his home in rural Angola.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 3, 2009 Wednesday

Harold "Zeke" Zawadzke, 72

KENDALLVILLE – Harold "Zeke" Zawadzke, 72, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Zawadzke was born in Kendallville on Sept. 17, 1936, to Paul Karl and Wilda Elizabeth (Kreischer) Zawadzke.

He graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1955. He married Charlotte Ann Clouse on November 26, 1958, in Burr Oak, Indiana.

Zeke retired from International Truck and Engine of Indianapolis after 39 years of service. He was a systems programmer. After his retirement, he worked part-time at Cobblestone Golf Course in Kendallville for about 11 years.

Zeke was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville where he was just elected to the church council. He also served as an usher and was active with his Sunday school class.

He was an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling in his RV all across America and Canada. While wintering in Arizona, he and his wife enjoyed going to the women's softball games at the University of Arizona. He was an Indiana University Basketball fan, Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Cubs Fan. Zeke also enjoyed stamp collecting.

Surviving are his wife of fifty years, Charlotte Zawadzke of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff Zawadzke of Kendallville and Jerry and Calie Zawadzke of Huntertown; a daughter, Laura Zawadzke of Guilford, Conn.; two granddaughters, Brittany McBride of LaGrange and Mollie Zawadzke of Huntertown; two brothers and a sister-in-law, David and Bertha Zawadzke of Blackman Lake and Tom Zawadzke of Sevierville, Tenn.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Paul Junior Zawadzke and infant Richard Zawadzke, and an aunt, Esther Zawadzke.

A Celebration of Zeke's Life was Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, rural Kendallville, with Pastor Phyllis Smoot officiating.

Memorials are to CaringBridge at www.caringbridge.com or to the American Cancer Society.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com

William F. Kaser, 66

WAWAKA – William F. "Bill" Kaser, age 66, of Wawaka, IN passed away unexpectedly, Sunday Morning, May 31, 2009 as the result of an automobile accident that took place in LaGrange County, IN.

He was born January 20, 1943, in Cosperville, Indiana to Roman and Bertha (Steinbarger) Kaser.

He was a lifetime area resident. He worked for Johnson Controls in Goshen for over 10 years. He owned and operated Kaser Flowers in Rome City for 29 years and spent the last 8 years working for Dollar General in Shipshewana.

He was a member of the Cosperville Baptist Church. He was a veteran and served his country from 1961-1965 in the Army.

He is survived by a sister, Beverly (Bill) Martin of Wawaka, a brother, Vernon Kaser of Wawaka, a niece, Mary Ellen Martin of Wawaka, 2 nephews, Curtis Dale Martin and Charles L. Martin both Wawaka, several cousins including Sharon Steinbarger of South Bend.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held Thursday June 4, 2009 at 11 AM at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 & 6-8 PM Wednesday June 3, 2009 at the Funeral Home.

Memorial Contributions are to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 South Meredian Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240-3509.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 3, 2009 Wednesday

Arlene F. Werker, 74

ALBION – Arlene F. Werker, 74, of Albion, died May 29, 2009, at Progressive Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 25 1935, in Elkhart County to Wilbur & Mary (Stoltz) Saggars. She married Wayne Werker October 26, 1958. He survives.

She was a lifetime area resident. After working as an elementary school teacher, she along with her husband, built Albion Bowl in Albion, and had owned and operated the business from its inception in 1967.

She was a graduate of Millersburg High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Manchester College and a master's degree from St. Francis College. She was a member of Richville United Methodist Church. Arlene had also served for many years on the Indiana Bowling Proprietors Board of Directors.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Werker of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Grace Werker of Albion; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Don Sheline of Goshen, and Rosalie and Steve Meck of Syracuse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Patricia Sue Werker in 2000, and a sister, Elaine Sue Hibschman.

Services were held at Richville United Methodist Church, with Pastor Carol Knox officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorial Contributions are to Richville United Methodist Church- 11009 CR 50 Ligonier, IN 46767 or Albion Bowl Youth Bowling Program-4010 N State RD 9; Albion, IN 46701.

Donald R. Shaw, 77

LIGONIER – Donald R. Shaw, age 77, of Ligonier, IN passed away Monday June 1, 2009 at 1:30 PM at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A funeral service will be held Friday June 5, 2009 at 11 AM at Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN.

Viewing will be Thursday June 4, 2009 from 4-8 PM at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 3, 2009 Wednesday

Betty L. Wells, 77

PLEASANT LAKE — Betty L. Wells, 77, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, May 31, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. She was born Sept. 14, 1931, in Auburn to William and Sylvia Wells. She enjoyed gardening and playing her violin and piano. She was a member of Freedom to Worship Church of God.

Survivors include daughters, Sue (Gordon) Patton of Avilla and Mary (Dave) Eicher of Hicksville; sons, James Refner of Pleasant Lake and Greg Refner of Ashley; a sister, Bernice Jackson of Pleasant Lake; a half sister, Virginia Freeman of Auburn; grandchildren, Nicole(Joshua) Walters of Hicksville, Megan (Nicholas) Traxler of Antwerp and Bridget Eicher of Hicksville; stepgrandchildren, Timothy Patton of Cape Canaveral, Fla., Daniel Patton of Avilla and Teresa (Noah) Jewel of Fort Wayne; great-grandchildren, Ethan Walters and Jarod Traxler; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lewis Wells; sisters, Velma Wells and Judy Kessler;and a grandson, Shane Kaiser.

Funeral service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & CremationServices, 502 N. Main Street, Auburn, with Pastor Joe Freeman officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett. Memorials are to the National Alzheimer's Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 4, 2009, Thursday

Harold Carr

AUBURN — Harold R. "Curly" Carr, 73, died Wednesday morning, June 3, 2009, at his home in Auburn with his family at his side.

Curly worked at Rieke Corp. as a tool and die maker, retiring in 1997. After retirement he drove for Ben Davis Chevrolet of Auburn.

Mr. Carr

He graduated from Butler High School where he played on the basketball team that won the county championship 1953-1954.

Curly was a Little League basketball coach and served as the Junior Achievement counselor for Rieke Corp.

He was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and the Auburn Kiwanis Club.

He enjoyed watching NASCAR and rooted for the No. 9 car, first with driver Bill Elliot and then with driver Kasey Kahne.

He was born August 7, 1935, in Butler to Huber C. and Frances (Smith) Carr. They have both passed away. He married Marilyn J. Kail on September 9, 1956, in the United Methodist Church in Auburn. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim and Andi Carr of Coldwater, Mich., and Richard A. Carr and his companion, Michelle Mulholland, of St. Joe; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Alicia and Kerry Oster of Garrett, Ann and Sean Koskie of Auburn, Susan Carr of Auburn, Jennifer and Tim Baker of Waterloo and Nancy and Tom Sturgis of Garrett; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jane and Robert Biddle of Garrett and Jean and Wilbur Camp of St. Joe.

He has 37 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jimmy Carr; a sister, Ruth Sipe; and four great-grandchildren, Dylann Lampman, Michael King, Alex James Souder and McKinnley Garrett.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the American Cancer Society or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Russell Hogan

ANGOLA — Russell R. Hogan, 66, died Monday, June 1, 2009, at his home in rural Angola.

Mr. Hogan was a truck driver for National Serv-All for 32 years, retiring in 2004.

He was born Jan. 24, 1943, in Auburn to Lewis and L. Mabel (Ridenour) Hogan.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Annette and Blake Hire of Kendallville, Tonya and Craig Barboza of St. Joe and Jolyn Adams and Daniel Douglas of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Duane Courtney of Texas; a stepdaughter, Tina Taylor of Elkhart; four sisters, Margaret Gonzalez-Bishop of Auburn, Patricia Park of Fort Wayne, Wilma Searfoss of Leesburg and Virginia Hansen of Avilla; two brothers, Richard Hogan of Angola and Darl Hogan of Nevada; seven grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Russell R. Hogan Jr.; and two brothers, Wendall Hogan and Larry Wayne Hogan.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St, Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 4, 2009, Thursday

Thomas Stewart

WOLCOTTVILLE — Thomas E. Stewart, 57, of The Villages, Fla., and Westler Lake near Wolcottville died Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 3:12 p.m. in Health Central Hospital, Ocoee, Fla., due to complications from surgery.

Mr. Stewart retired as a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Army after 31 years of service. He and his wife were last stationed in Huntington Beach, Calif., and moved to Westler Lake in 2006. They had also resided in The Villages since 2007.

He attended Tri County Baptist Church in Florida and the First Baptist Church of Topeka.

He was born Sept. 6, 1951, in St. Louis, Mo., to Ralph and Audrey (Conley) Stewart. He married Diana Hicks on Sept. 27, 1975, in LaOtto. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Audrey Downing of Westler Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Candace Stewart of South Bend; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joey Ann and Nevin White of Tavares, Fla., and Charsie and Jerry Miller of Huntertown.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Stewart; his stepfather, Donald Downing; and a nephew, Matthew Miller.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13, in the First Baptist Church of Topeka, 104 North St., Topeka, with Pastor Gene Parker officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, June 12, at the church and Saturday, June 13, from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the First Baptist Church of Topeka.

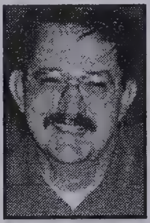
Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

William Kaser

WAWAKA — William F. "Bill" Kaser, 66, of Wawaka died at 7:41 a.m. Sunday, May 31, 2009, in LaGrange County from injuries he received in a traffic accident.

Bill was a lifetime area resident.



Mr. Kaser

He had worked at Johnson Controls in Goshen for more than 10 years and had owned and operated Kaser Flowers in Rome City for 29 years. For the past eight years, he had worked at Dollar General in Shipshewana.

Mr. Kaser was a 1961 graduate of Wawaka High School.

He served his country honorably from 1961 to 1965 in the United States Army.

Mr. Kaser was a member of Cosperville Baptist Church.

He was born Jan. 20, 1943, in Cosperville to Roman and Bertha (Steinbarger) Kaser.

Surviving are a sister, Beverly (Bill) Martin of Wawaka; a brother, Vernon Kaser of Wawaka; a niece, Mary Ellen Martin of Wawaka; two nephews, Curtis Dale Martin of Wawaka and Charles L. Martin of Wawaka; and several cousins including Sharon Steinbarger of South Bend.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Olive Oesch officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery at Cosperville.

Calling was held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46240-3509.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 4, 2009, Thursday

Kernie Howard

FORT WAYNE — Kernie Howard, 76, died Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Howard retired in 1992 from Zollner Corp.

He was a disabled U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Howard was a native of Whitesburg, Ky.

He was a member of Harvest Freewill Baptist Church in Fort Wayne and the Eagles and American Legion in Garrett.

Surviving are his wife, Ruby Howard; two sons, Bill (Karen) Howard of Albion and Mike (Cindy) Howard of Pensacola, Fla.; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many brothers and sisters.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Nadine Howard.

Celebration of life service will be at 8 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday prior to service at the funeral home.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Harvest Freewill Baptist Church, 5903 E. Dupont Road, with Pastor Murrey Clugston officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to the Parkview Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Joseph LaConte

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joseph LaConte, 92, of Lakeland, Fla., and formerly of Wolcottville died Wednesday, June 3, 2009, in Valencia Hills Health & Rehabilitation Center at Lakeland.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Bernard Ramenaden officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with a rosary service at 6:30 p.m.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Pankop

NORTH MANCHESTER — Robert Pankop, 92, of North Manchester and formerly of Shipshewana died Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at his daughter's residence.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Dorothy Maxwell

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy Maxwell, 97, of Kendallville died Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Walter Eix

FORT WAYNE — Walter C. Eix, 86, of Fort Wayne died on Tuesday, June 3, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Eel River Baptist Church, 11022 Carroll Road, with Pastor Kerry Niman officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

Memorials are to Eel River Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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The Family of Lucas Emrick

would like to thank all of our friends and family from near and far for your love, kindness and support following the tragic accident and loss of our beloved Lucas. He was a shining light to so many and is sorely missed by us all.

Thank you to Rocky DeLancey for your presence and attention at the scene. Your words to us mean more than we can say. Also, our sincere thanks to Angola Police, Steuben Co. Sheriff's Dept., Steuben County EMS and Salem Twp. Fire-Rescue for your assistance and expertise at the scene. We don't know how you do what you do every day, but thank God for each of you.

Thank you to our Angola Assembly of God family for your love and prayers through all of this. Special thanks to Pastor Ronald Moore for the beautiful memorial service.

Thank you to the Angola, Ashley and Hudson Police Depts. for your assistance with traffic following the service.

Thank you very much Dale Johnson / Johnson Funeral Home and associates for handling so many details for us and your guidance.

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Thank you very much to the Salem Twp. Fire Women's Auxiliary and all who helped and provided the delicious and plentiful luncheon.

For everyone who generously brought food, sent cards, memorial money, flowers, plants, memorial plaques and especially the hugs and prayers – we thank and love all of you. We thank God that you all have been a part of Lucas' and our lives.

Ralph, Diane & Clint Emrick
Gina, Charlie & Weston Rasler

Wayne Bradbury

ANGOLA — Wayne B. Bradbury, 70, of Angola died at 6:12 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Melchi

GRABILL — Mary Jane Melchi, 83, of Grabill died Thursday, June 4, 2009, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

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Thomas Stewart

WOLCOTTVILLE — Thomas E. Stewart, 57, of The Villages, Fla., and Westler Lake near Wolcottville died Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 3:12 p.m. in Health Central Hospital, Ocoee, Fla., due to complications from surgery.

Mr. Stewart retired as a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Army after 31 years of service. He and his wife were last stationed in Huntington Beach, Calif., and moved to Westler Lake in 2006. They had also resided in The Villages since 2007.

He attended Tri County Baptist Church in Florida and the First Baptist Church of Topeka.

He was born Sept. 6, 1951, in St. Louis, Mo., to Ralph and Audrey (Conley) Stewart. He married Diana Hicks on Sept. 27, 1975, in LaOtto. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Audrey Downing of Westler Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Candace Stewart of South Bend; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joey Ann and Nevin White of Tavares, Fla., and Charsie and Jerry Miller of Huntertown.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Stewart; his stepfather, Donald Downing; and a nephew, Matthew Miller.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church of Topeka, 104 North St., Topeka, with Pastor Gene Parker officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the church and Saturday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the First Baptist Church of Topeka.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Edward Nagle Sr.

CHICAGO — Edward J. Nagle Sr., 93, of Chicago passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2009.

Mr. Nagle was a retired civil servant.

He was born April 16, 1916.

He is survived by a son, Ed (Carolyn) Nagle Jr. of Angola; daughter, Dorothy Holler of St. John, Ind.; five grandchildren, John (Melissa) Nagle, Mark (Natalie) Nagle, Ron (Amy) Nagle, Jeff (Kristen) Nagle and Marcia Nagle; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice (Nickels) Nagle.

A funeral Mass will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church, Sauk Village, Ill. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, Ill.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the Fagen-Miller Funeral Home, 8580 Wicker Ave. St. John.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Robert Pankop

LAGRANGE — Robert C. Pankop, 92, of North Manchester and formerly of Shipshewana died Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at the home of his daughter, Karen Runkel, in North Manchester.

He was a retired farmer and had work for the Indiana Toll Road.

He moved from Shipshewana to North Manchester in 1993.

He was born Oct. 22, 1916, in Kendallville to Julius and Clara Bell (Eckhardt) Pankop. He married Kathryn E. Rice in Kendallville on Dec. 15, 1940. She preceded him in death on May 19, 2005.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Joyce Ann and Raymond Hall of Orland, Norma Jean Dunn of Savannah, Ga., Karen and Gary Runkel of North Manchester and Carol and Denny Northup of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St. in LaGrange, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be East Springfield Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be two hours prior to the services at the funeral Home.

Memorials are to the East Springfield United Methodist Church or Wabash-Miami Home Health Care & Hospice.

Condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Joseph LaConte

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joseph LaConte, 92 of Lakeland, Fla., died at 7:56 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at Valencia Hills Health & Rehabilitation Center in Lakeland.

Mr. LaConte was a U.S. Army veteran serving during World War II. He had served in the European Theater for 33 months. He was stationed in Algeria, French Morocco, Normandy, Sicily, Tunisia, Palermo, England, Scotland and France.

He retired in 1979 from the U.S. Postal Service.

He had lived most of his life in California. He and his wife, Anna, moved to Indiana for a short while to be near their daughter. After Anna's death, he moved to Florida.

He was born August 21, 1916, in Newark, New Jersey, to Nicholas and Rafaelle "Rae" (Vitiello) LaConte. They preceded him in death. He married Anna Battaglio on June 9, 1942, in Phoenix City, Alabama. She preceded him in death on April 11, 1986. On August 3, 1995, he married Mabel Mello in Lakeland, Fla. She survives in Lakeland.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and Floyd Heltzel of Rome City; a stepdaughter, Mae Mello of Florida; two stepsons, John Mello and Ron Mello both of Lakeland; two grandchildren Joseph and Michelle Heltzel of Indianapolis and Donna Rasler of Auburn; three great-grandchildren, Sirena Conley of Rome City, Tristan Conley of Rome City and Jacey Rasler of Rome City; three bothers, Nicholas LaConte and Samuel LaConte, both of New Jersey, and Gerald LaConte of Virginia; and a sister, Helen Grippaldi of New Jersey.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Tricia Heltzel; a brother, John LaConte; and three sisters, Mary D'Amato, Connie Albanese and Faye Aquilante.

Funeral services will be Monday, June 8, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Bernard Ramenaden officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be Sunday, June 7, 2009, from 2-7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville. A rosary service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Kathy Surfus

NAPLES, Fla. — Kathy L. Surfus, 62, died Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at her home in Naples.

She worked as a customer service representative at Dominion Sky Angel, then worked at JoAnn Fabrics in Naples.

She was a member of New Hope Ministries and she crocheted for the Warm Up America project.

She was born Feb. 24, 1947, in Kokomo, Ind., to Aubrey H. Lovegrove Jr. of Naples, Fla., and Rosemary (Goyer) Lovegrove of Fort Meyers, Fla.

She married Gary Surfus on July 13, 1985, in Naples and he survives in Naples.

Also surviving are two brothers and a sister-in-law, Matthew and Shelley Lovegrove of Columbus, Ohio, and Mark Lovegrove of Iowa; a sister and brother-in-law, Leoma and Michael Silberg of Matlache, Fla.,; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, Ind. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Vitas Hospice Care.

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Dorothy Maxwell

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy Olive Maxwell, 97, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Maxwell was born in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana, on February 13, 1912, to the late Frank Charles and Carrie (Vachon) Roy.

Mrs. Maxwell

She married Laurence Edward Maxwell on January 26, 1933, at the Precious Blood Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. He preceded her death January 21, 1993.

Early in life, Dorothy worked at Wayne Candies in Fort Wayne for about 15 years. After she was married, she was a farm wife and homemaker.

Mrs. Maxwell was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville where she belonged to the Rosary Sodality.

She also was active in the SecondTime Around Club at the Youth Center in Kendallville where she enjoyed getting together with her friends and playing cards. She loved to square dance and she never missed her favorite show, "The Lawrence Welk Show."

Dorothy loved spending time with her grandchildren and going out for pizza on Saturday nights after church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Lois Maxwell of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Eugene Slone of Warsaw; eight grandchildren, Sean Maxwell of Kendallville, Carrie and Hans Huelsenbeck of Kendallville, Michael and Val Slone of Warsaw, Jay Slone of Warsaw, Christine and Skip Rash of Kendallville, Joel Maxwell of Fort Wayne, Dan and Karen Maxwell of Kendallville and Matt and Debbie Maxwell of Fort Wayne; several great-grandchildren, Ava Maxwell of Kendallville, Kyla Slone, Kennedy and Austin Slone of Warsaw, Jennifer Davis of Fort Wayne, Alex Maxwell of Kendallville, Nicholas Maxwell of Fort Wayne and Madison and Jarod Maxwell of Fort Wayne; several stepgreat-grandchildren, Michaelle Chadwell of Indianapolis, Brian Rash of Indianapolis and Michael Tagtmeyer of Fort Wayne; a great-great-grandchild, William Davis; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Chadwell and Addison Tagtmeyer.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Edward Gene Maxwell in 2002; a daughter-in-law, Phyllis Elaine Maxwell in 2009; two brothers, Wayne Roy and Francis Roy; and two sisters, Jeanette Johnson and Jessie Hobbs.

Visitation will be today, Friday, June 5, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 5 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 6, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville.

Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be her six grandsons.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, or to Masses.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Kathy Lewis

KENDALLVILLE — Kathy Sue Lewis, 52, of Kendallville, died Friday, June 5, 2009, at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Independent Baptist Church, South Milford, Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be Monday any time after 3 p.m. with a service at 7 p.m. at the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford.

Memorials may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses. Condolences may be sent to hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Thomas Green

FORT WAYNE — Thomas R. "Tom" Green, 43, died Monday, June 1, 2009, in Indianapolis.

Mr. Green worked in the home building business in North Carolina and in the restaurant business in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

Mr. Green

He was currently serving as an insurance representative in Indianapolis.

Mr. Green grew up in Fort Wayne and loved spending time at Hamilton Lake boating and skiing with his family and friends.

He was a member of the Plymouth Congregational UCC where he participated in youth activities and the annual Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival.

He was born March 25, 1966, in South Bend.

Surviving are his father, Terrence (Sue Overman) Green; his mother, Caroline Green; his "other mother" Clare Walter; a sister, Susan Green; two stepsisters, Claire and Ben Roney and Amy and Darren Huckaby; three stepbrothers, Ervin and Casey Walter, Andrew and Janet Overman and Michael and Rebekah Overman; his grandfather, Reynolds and Margaret Henderson; three aunts; an uncle; cousins; and nephews and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Isabelle Henderson and Lucile Green Thoms, and a grandfather, Edward G. Thoms.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Plymouth United Church of Christ or Mental Health America in Allen County.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

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Veryl Weimer

KENDALLVILLE — Veryl Junior Weimer, 85, of Kendallville died on Thursday, June 4, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born in Avilla on June 24, 1923, to Clarence Solomon and Ollie Ann (McCoy) Weimer. They are deceased.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1942 and entered the United States Army to serve his country in the European Theatre at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

He first married Joan Faye Weirich on October 3, 1942, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

She preceded his death in August 4, 1989.

He later married Veryle "Susie" Uhl Beiswanger Weimer on July 14, 1990, at the South Milford Church of Christ.

Mr. Weimer was employed with Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne for 33 years before retiring in 1975.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, a life member of the V.F.W. Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86, both in Kendallville.

Veryl was a volunteer for 33 years at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and Kendallville.

He was named Volunteer of the Year in 1987.

Veryl enjoyed gardening and tending to his flowers. He also spent time woodworking and feeding the birds.

Surviving are his wife, Veryle "Susy" Beiswanger Weimer of Kendallville; a daughter, Sandra and Steven Hans of Mansfield, Ohio; a son, Alan and Lynn Weimer of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Lang and Carol Beiswanger of Mokena, Illinois, Lee and Belinda Beiswanger of Kendallville and Lew and Rochelle Beiswanger of Wolcottville; four grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Marietha Frey, who died in 1999.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 7, 2009, from 1-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, June 8, 2009, at 1 a.m .at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and Michael D. Booher.

Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery in Corunna, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospital Auxillary.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Taylor made the outdoors his life

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Ralph Taylor and his wife, Cheryl, spent much of their time fishing. Taylor, a former conservation officer, was an avid outdoorsman who fished all over the country. He died May 11.

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BY JIM SHILANDER
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FORT WAYNE — It's unlikely that many people have wedded their passion and their job as successfully as Ralph Taylor.

Taylor, who spent 30 years as an Indiana Department of Natural Resources conservation officer, passed away May 11. Upon retirement, Taylor held the rank of lieutenant with the DNR's Division of Law Enforcement, heading up District 2 that covers northeast Indiana.

Taylor's wife, Cheryl, said it was sometimes hard to make people understand just how much her husband loved the outdoors.

"He lived and breathed the outdoors," Cheryl said. "He understood how nature worked, the ebbs and flows and the seasons. He was always happiest when he was out there and he could bring that and capture that for everybody."

She told the story of a friend who was not a hunter.

"Ralph told her 'We're getting up tomorrow and hunting squirrels, with a camera.' So they went out at about 4:30 a.m. and she told him 'I don't see any squirrels.' So he made a little call and all of a sudden the squirrels were all over. He did that for me on our first date. We were canoeing down the Pigeon River and there was a deer nearby and he called that deer in. He just resonated with nature and resonated with people."

Taylor's colleagues said there were few men better suited for a position. Scott Charters, of Jimmerson Lake served with Taylor as a conservation officer for 30 years.

"He enjoyed the outdoors and doing the work of a conservation officer," Charters said. "He relished the public relations part of the job."

He pointed to the "Be an Outdoors Woman" campaign as an example.

"He enjoyed getting in front of all those ladies and teaching them about the outdoors. He especially relished teaching them fishing. That's what he seemed to enjoy most, teaching people how to hunt, fish to be a part of the outdoors," Charters said.

Cheryl said Taylor's devotion to the program was born out of what he saw as a rise in women deciding what activities children would be doing.

"He was one of the first people to recognize that with more single mothers you'd have more mothers determining recreational activities for their kids. It became important to teach those women about the opportunities in the outdoors," she said.

Taylor developed another program, the "Drive Alive" campaign after he retired from the DNR and became an Allen County deputy coroner, she said.

"He was a data guy, and when he worked for the coroner's office he came up with information that showed a large number of deaths involving kids with drinking and drug issues. The program was developed as a response. Its focus was on the parents, to give them the tools they needed."

Paul Greenwalt met Taylor in his role as deputy director of the DNR.

"I first got to know Ralph professionally in the early '70s, and then we became very close friends," Greenwalt said.

He soon became a part of a group of close-knit friends who traveled across the country fishing.

"There was a core group that fished together every year and a group of guys who'd come up in the fall. We'd go up to Canada, the Great Lakes, the Ozarks," he said.

When Greenwalt moved to Steuben County, he bought a property across from Taylor's near Fox Lake, where Taylor had a small farm where he planted wild flowers and other plants.

"We really became very tight. We'd spend a lot of hours and a large amount of time working on that field." Greenwalt said his friend was "larger than life. He was the consumate outdoors man."

"The Farm," as Taylor and his friends referred to it, was really an old cattle yard, said Phil Bloom, who currently is director of communications with the DNR. "He called it his place for his friends to have an opportunity to hunt and to enjoy nature."

During the last years of his life Taylor definitely got into wildflowers, Greenwalt said. "He became a self-made expert on the subject."

Taylor, Bloom said, had a unique ability to instill confidence in those he worked with

"In terms of him as a teacher/mentor, he had a unique ability for instilling confidence in a person, that they could do things they hadn't done before." This extended, he said, beyond nature. "If it was how to do drywall, how to weld metal, he gave you confidence you could do it."

Bloom also praised his friend for his work on the Indiana Lakes Management Work Group, which Taylor first became involved with while at the DNR, and then as a representative of the Indiana Sportsman's Round Table.

"He was a real leader in keeping the group focused on the big picture," Bloom said.

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Veryl Weimer

KENDALLVILLE — Veryl Junior Weimer, 85, of Kendallville died on Thursday, June 4, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born in Avilla on June 24, 1923, to Clarence Solomon and Ollie Ann (McCoy) Weimer. They are deceased.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1942 and entered the United States Army to serve his country in the European Theatre at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

He first married Joan Faye Weirich on October 3, 1942, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

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He later married Veryle "Susie" Uhl Beiswanger Weimer on July 14, 1990, at the South Milford Church of Christ.

Mr. Weimer was employed with Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne for 33 years before retiring in 1975.

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Veryl was a volunteer for 33 years at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and Kendallville.

He was named Volunteer of the Year in 1987.

Veryl enjoyed gardening and tending to his flowers. He also spent time woodworking and feeding the birds.

Surviving are his wife, Veryle "Susy" Beiswanger Weimer of Kendallville; a daughter, Sandra and Steven Hans of Mansfield, Ohio; a son, Alan and Lynn Weimer of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Lang and Carol Beiswanger of Mokena, Illinois; Lee and Belinda Beiswanger of Kendallville and Lew and Rochelle Beiswanger of Wolcottville; four grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Marietha Frey, who died in 1999.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 7, 2009, from 1-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, June 8, 2009, at 11 a.m at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and Michael D. Booher.

Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery in Corunna, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospital Auxillary.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Claire Davison

KENDALLVILLE — Claire M. Davison, 57, of Kendallville died Friday, June 5, 2009 at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Graveside memorial services will be at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, is assisting with arrangements.

Michael Callahan

ROCHESTER — Michael D.Callahan, 54, of Rochester, died at 7:15 a.m. Friday, June 5, 2009, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

A celebration of life will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Lake Manitou home of Kenny and Julie Anderson, 2807 Goose Pond Road, Rochester.

Memorials are to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation or the Lake Manitou Association. Envelopes are available at Good Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 453, Rochester IN 46975, which is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to goodfamily@rtcol.com.

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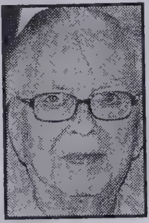
Leonard Rockefeller

ALBION — Leonard W. Rockefeller, 90, of Albion died Friday, May 29, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He worked for the Social Security Administration in Daytona Beach, Fla., until his retirement in 1980.



Mr. Rockefeller

He graduated from Binghamton Central High School in 1936, and was awarded the Bronze Star in the U.S. Army in the Asiatic Pacific theater during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Mr. Rockefeller was born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on July 20, 1918, to Sidney Benjamin and Natalie (Schuster) Rockefeller. He married Catherine Place on Jan. 2, 1981, in Florida. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dorie and Bill McKeeman, Hollis, N.H., Nancy Rockefeller, Barre, Maine, and Kelly and Brian Allen, Tulsa, Okla., and six grandchildren.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife, were a brother, Howard Wesley Rockefeller, Albion, his parents, and his step-father Edward Warren.

Memorial services will be private. Burial will be in Vestal Hills Memorial Park, Binghamton, N.Y.

Memorials are to Paralyzed Veterans of America at www.pva.org.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

George Schisler

SYRACUSE — George (Ray) Schisler, 79, of Cromwell died Friday, June 5, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Carman Danner

LEESBURG — Carman S. Danner, 68, of Leesburg, died at 8:55 a.m. Friday, June 5, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse. Burial will be in North Webster Cemetery (Mock Addition).

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, 902 Provident Dr., Warsaw IN 46580.

Condolences may be sent online at www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Kathy Lewis

KENDALLVILLE — Kathy Sue Lewis, 52, of Kendallville, died Friday, June 5, 2009 at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Ms. Lewis

Ms. Lewis was a CNA and worked at Kendallville Lutheran Home for 10 years in the 1980s.

She was born in Kendallville on Feb. 6, 1957 to Raymond and Irene (Collins) Lewis.

Survivors include three daughters and their spouses, Renee and Anthony Conley of Wolcottville, Cassandra and Cheyenne Carpenter of Albion and Melissa and Harold Harper Jr. of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; father of her children, Ray Clevenger of Brimfield; a brother; Donald Lewis of Kendallville; three sisters and their spouses, Mary Ann and Dave Lindsay of Kendallville, Jeanne Felder and Mark Hart of Kendallville and Faye Martin of Kendallville; several aunts and uncles and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Independent Baptist Church, South Milford, Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling is Monday any time after 3 p.m. with a service at 7 p.m. at the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford.

Memorials may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses. Condolences may be sent to hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Harold Blech

KENDALLVILLE — Harold F. Blech, 93, of Kendallville, died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Elaine Woodward

KOKOMO — Elaine Marie Woodward, 76, of Kokomo died Thursday, June 4, 2009, at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, Kokomo, with calling there from noon to 1 p.m. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens Ceremony.

Memorials are to the Indiana Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center.

Ruth Knotts

INDIANAPOLIS — Ruth Elizabeth "Lib" Knotts, 92, of Indianapolis died Friday, June 5, 2009.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis. Calling will be at Harry A. Moore Funeral Home, Indianapolis, from 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to All Souls Unitarian Church, Butler University of donor's choice.

Bonnetta Sells-Stacy

KENDALLVILLE — Bonnetta Sells-Stacy, 56, of Kendallville died Saturday, June 6, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, Kendallville.

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Bonnie Fought

TOPEKA — Bonnie M. Fought, 67, of Topeka passed away at 9:37 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2009, at her home following a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Fought

She had been a dedicated homemaker.

She had moved to Topeka from North Dakota in 1957.

Bonnie was a member of the Topeka United Methodist Church where she led a Bible study class.

Mrs. Fought had a great love for genealogy, enjoyed crafts and needlework, bird watching and wildlife photography.

She was born March 18, 1942, in Rugby, N.D., to Marlin C. and Arla M. (Hanson) Sather. She married David R. Fought on March 18, 1961. He survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are two sons, Martel D. Fought and Daniel W. Fought, both of Topeka; a daughter, Jayne R. Fought-Schlemmer and her husband, Adam, of Goshen; four grandchildren, Benjamin Weigel, Samantha Weigel, Garrett Lamb and Tyler Dahl-Schlemmer; and a sister, Marla (Edwin) Yoder of Rugby, N.D.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Boyd Sather, and a sister, Opal Mundahl.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 11, 2009, at Topeka United Methodist Church, 124 W. Pine St., Topeka, with Pastor Diana Siegel officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, and from 9:30-10 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Topeka United Methodist Church for care of Eden Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Harold Blech

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Frank Blech, 93, of Kendallville died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funera Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Shepher of the Hill.

View a video tribute by Thursday, June 11, 2009, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appea in Wednesday's newspaper.

Ruth Knotts

INDIANAPOLIS — Ruth Elizabeth (Lib) Knotts, 92, of Indianapolis died Friday, June 5, 2009.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th St., Indianapolis.

Calling will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Harry A. Moore Funeral Home, 8151 Allisonville Road.

Memorials are to All Souls Unitarian Church, Butler University or charity of the donor's choice.

Vernon Elliott

GOLDEN VALLEY, Ariz. — Vernon "Wayne" Elliott, 59, of Golden Valley died at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2009, in Golden Valley.

Services will be at a later date.

Herbert Hauenstein

CORINTH, Texas — Herbert D. Hauenstein, 80, of Corinth, Texas, and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, June 7, 2009, in his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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Lorraine Gottschalk

ANGOLA — Lorraine Evelyn Gottschalk, 88, of Angola and formerly of California Township in Branch County, Mich., died Monday, June 8, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Gottschalk

Mrs. Gottschalk was a homemaker and a devoted mother.

She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, gardening, fishing and spending time with her family.

She was born May 29, 1921, in Kinderhook Township in Branch County, Mich., to Bert and Audrey (Spade) Allen. She married Alton C. Gottschalk on June 30, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio. He preceded her in death on September 6, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Patsy and Larry Dunham of Angola and Peggy Sellers of Elkhart; seven grandchildren, Dan and Maribeth Sellers, LeAnn and Bobby Boots, Jim and Dawn Sellers, Vince and Tiffany Dunham, Julie Dunham, Ross Dunham and Dana Dunham; and nine great-grandchildren, Rich and John Sellers, Robby and Brady Boots, Justin and Mytchell Sellers, Trey Aldrich and Drew and Danielle Dunham.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Ilo Kowatch and Ruth Gottschalk; and a brother, Clifton Allen.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m Thursday, June 11, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Tim Stiller officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery in Kinderhook Township, Coldwater, Mich.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Bonnetta Sells-Stacy

KENDALLVILLE — Bonnetta Sells-Stacy, 56, of Kendallville died Saturday, June 6, 2009, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sells-Stacy

Mrs. Sells-Stacy had lived most of her life in this area, coming from Kentucky. She had worked as a nurses' aide at Shepherd of the Hill and Betz nursing homes.

She was a member of the Baptist church.

She was born Dec. 10, 1952, in Knott County, Ky., to Curtis and Martha Ann (Coburn) Sells. On April 18, 2004, in LaGrange County she married Winfred Stacy. He preceded her in death on Feb. 17, 2009.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and George Allen of Cherryville, N.C.; two stepdaughters, Iolet and Randy Risedorph of Kendallville and Julie Stacy of Topeka; a stepson, Jamie Stacy of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Velma L. and Louis J. Gerick of Lovelady, Texas, Alice and Harlis Hall of Georgetown, Ky., Zeda Hoover of Lisbon, Lucretta Duncan of Kendallville and Myrie and Dave Trueblood of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Ann Mosley of Lisbon and Norman and Deb Sells of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Freda Lawson, and two brothers, Herman Sells and Marvin Ray Sells.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in the Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastors Charlie Mosley, Phil Lucas and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the church, where an evening service will be held at 7 p.m. both nights.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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William Chapman

FREMONT — William B. Chapman, 85, of Fremont died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Chapman had been a salesman for the Cadillac Coffee Co.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Chapman was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31 and the 40&8 in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Adams County, Ind., to Clyde W. and Violet (Lawson) Chapman. He married Helena Lockard on April 17, 1971. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two sons, Alton Chapman of Decatur and Douglas Bills of Rochester Hills, Mich.; three daughters, Deborah Bills of Fremont, Pamela Brown of Fort Wayne and Deborah Ann Ricketts of Fort Wayne; a brother, John McGee of Texas; a sister, Wavelan Geiger of Prescott, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Darrell Goodhew

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Darrell Keith Goodhew, 81, passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2009, in Corpus Christi.

He was born on November 4, 1927, in Winchester, Indiana, to Zana and Charles Russell Goodhew.

Darrell grew up in Angola, Indiana.

He joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and retired after 22 1/2 years achieving the rank of AOCS. He began his second career with the U.S. Postal Service and retired with 20 years of service.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Zana Goodhew; two sisters, Gloria and Donnabelle; brother, John; his beloved wife, Norma Jean Goodhew; and his precious grandson, Brent William Goodhew.

Darrell is survived by his daughter, Jeanne Goodhew; son, Michael Goodhew (Nancy); his adored grandchildren, Shane, Ashley and Julie; sisters, Marcella Mansfield of Indianapolis and Sue Henry of Honeaye Falls, New York; brother, Gregg Goodhew (Kelley); and numerous nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

A private service will be held at Seaside Memorial Park in the Reid Mausoleum Chapel with the Rev. Don Tuttle and the Rev. Ruth Beal officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital, First Christian Church Foundation, or the charity of your choice.

Seaside Funeral Home, 4357 Ocean Drive, Chorpus Christi, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

To view a guestbook, leave condolences, and share memories, please visit www.seasidefuneral.com.

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Ralph Shively

MT. SUMMIT, Ind. — Ralph H. "Whitey" Shively, 81, a lifelong resident of Mt. Summit left this Earth June 7, 2009, following a brief illness.

Mr. Shively

Whitey was born in a farmhouse east of town on September 22, 1927 to Mary Chambers and James Blaine Shively. He was the 10th of 12 children raised on the Shively farm, known as Sleepy Hollow, on S.R. 36. His great-grandfather was one of the original founders of Mt. Summit, in 1831, and a Shively has lived there ever since.

At the age of 13, he began an auctioneering career that was second to none, and continued to earn multiple awards and achievements for the rest of his life. He was the 2003 recipient of the Bernie Hart Memorial Trophy from the National Auto Auction Association, and was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007 by the Indiana Auctioneers Association. At the time of his death, he was still employed at the Kesler-Schaefer Auto Auction in Indianapolis, a job he had held for over 60 years.

A veteran of the Korean War, he married Phyllis June Sidwell on February 22, 1953. After 51 years of marriage, she preceded him in death on January 14, 2004. Whitey was very active in the community, serving as a one-time president of the Blue River Valley School Board, a member and president of the Henry County Memorial Park Board, a lifelong servant of the Mt. Summit Christian Church, a member of the VFW, the Elks, and the American Legion, a member of the Sulphur Springs Lodge No, 348 F.&A.M., and the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis. In 1984, he proudly joined the Murat Shrine with his son.

A treasured episode in his life occurred when his daughter invited him to work on the film, "Hoosiers." He portrayed Doc Buggins, working alongside Gene Hackman and Dennis Hopper. He sure "got a lot of mileage out of that."

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Don and Laura Shively of Angola, Ind.; daughter, Debby Shively and son-in-law Rick Parks of Los Angeles; two treasured grandchildren, Jack and Lilly Shively Parks; a sister, Mary Lou (husband Cloyd) Dye of New Castle; a brother Dick (wife Mary Alice) Shively and a brother, Chet (wife Marilyn) Shively, all of southern Indiana; a sister-in-law Judy (husband James) Savage of Florida; brother-in-law, Don (wife Helen) Sidwell, of Florida; a brother-in-law, Dallas (wife Sharon) Sidwell of New Castle; a sister-in-law, Joanne Land of Ohio; numerous nieces and nephews, and thousands of children through the years who will never forget their "Uncle Whitey." Anyone who still has a "get out of jail free card" that has not been redeemed, please bring it to the service.

Friends may call at the Hinsey-Brown Funeral Home, 3406 South Memorial Drive, New Castle, from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, with a Masonic service commencing at 8 p.m.

Services will be held on Thursday, June 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Mt. Summit Christian Church, with graveside services to follow at the Mt. Summit Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Whitey's name to the Mt. Summit Christian Church, or another charity of the donor's choice.

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The family of

Dolores I. Emerick

wish to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all their many friends, relatives, co-workers, line dance friends, all the American Legion family, bingo players and neighbors for the many flowers, cards, food brought to the house, prayers and expressions of sympathy at the time of our loss. A special thanks to the nurses and staff at Parkview Hospital and the nurses and staff of Parkview Hospice, Justin Clark, Ron Feller and all their staff. Also to the ladies of Auburn American Legion for the nice dinner following the services.

Jim & Judy (Emerick) Lowe
Eugene & Sally (Emerick) Kessler
Thomas & Rita Emerick
Russell & Marjorie Emerick
Robert & Beverly Emerick

Harold Blech

KENDALLVILLE — Harold Frank Blech, 93, of Kendallville died on Sunday, June 7, 2009, at Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mr. Blech

Mr. Blech was born in Wayne Township, Noble County, Indiana, on January 31, 1916, to the late Frank and Alma (Parr) Blech. She preceded his death May 15, 2005.

He graduated from Ashley High School in 1934 and married Dorothy H. Krehl on October 2, 1938, at the Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna.

Mr. Blech was employed with McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for 37 years. He also worked at Commercial Shear in Butler for four years.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville for 63 years where he served in various leadership roles. He also served 20 years as Noble County Councilman for the Fourth District.

Harold loved to go fishing, play euchre and in the past, tend to his vegetable garden.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley and Jesus Rodriguez of Fort Wayne; two sons, Larry and Gail Blech of Bella Vista, Arkansas, and Dale and Kathy Blech of Livonia, Michigan; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Mable Frick of Kendallville and Beverly Blech of Auburn.

He was also preceded in death by his three brothers, Paul, Edwin and Robert Blech.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 11, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, June 12, 2009, at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

There will be an hour of visitation before the funeral service at the church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana. Active casketbearers will be Kent Crow, Jim Williams, David Brillhart, Tommy Poynter, Joe Poynter and Rex Blech. Honorary bearers will be John Coombs, Thad McKinley, David Frick and Dennis Frick.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or Shepherd of the Hill.

View a video tribute by Thursday, June 11, 2009, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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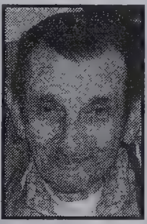
Herbert Hauenstein

KENDALLVILLE — Herbert Daniel Hauenstein, 80, of Corinth, Texas, and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, June 7, 2009, in his residence.



Mr. Hauenstein

Mr. Hauenstein had moved to Indiana from Germany in 1952.

In 1983, he moved to Oklahoma, and has resided in Texas since 2002.

Mr. Hauenstein had been a tool and dye maker for 60 years.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Machinists Union, and was a Scout Master with the Boy Scouts for 17 years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War.

He was born August 10, 1928, in Germany to Ludwig and Anna (Stoner) Hauenstein. On September 15, 1970, in Kendallville he married Mary Ann Burger. She preceded him in death on February 13, 1990.

Surviving are a son, John Hauenstein, and his fiance, Tremble Francher, both of Corinth, Texas; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Hauenstein; and a sister, Ursula Ahl of Hope Mills, North Carolina.

Funeral services will be Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Stan Kessler of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with military services by members of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749.

Calling is Thursday, June 11, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Dale Staulters

ANGOLA — Dale Robert Staulters, 34, of Angola died Sunday, June 7, 2009, in LaGrange.

Mr. Staulters worked at Rise Corp. in Angola and for ARC in New York.

He was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall.

Mr. Staulters participated in swimming, basketball, track and field and softball with the Special Olympics.

He was born March 4, 1975, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., to Maynard W. and Dorothy (Baker) Staulters. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are three brothers, Keith Andrew Staulters of Phoenix, Ariz., Clay W. Staulters of Rangerville, Ariz., and Mark W. Staulters of Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Angola with Mike Doherty officiating.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall.

Betty Mains

ANGOLA — Betty Jean Mains, 85, of Angola died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Services will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Camdyn Hunt

GARRETT — Infant Camdyn Micheal Hunt, daughter of Josh Hunt of Auburn and Hillary Depew of Garrett, died Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 10, 2009, Wednesday

Russell Hogan, 66

ANGOLA — Russell R. Hogan, 66, died Monday, June 1, 2009, at his home in rural Angola.

Mr. Hogan was a truck driver for National Serv-All for 32 years, retiring in 2004.

He was born Jan. 24, 1943, in Auburn to Lewis and L. Mabel (Ridenour) Hogan.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Annette and Blake Hire of Kendallville, Tonya and Craig Barboza of St. Joe and Jolyn Adams and Daniel Douglas of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Duane Courtney of Texas; a stepdaughter, Tina Taylor of Elkhart; four sisters, Margaret Gonzalez-Bishop of Auburn, Patricia Park of Fort Wayne, Wilma Searfoss of Leesburg and Virginia Hansen of Avilla; two brothers, Richard Hogan of Angola and Darl Hogan of Nevada; seven grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Russell R. Hogan Jr.; and two brothers, Wendall Hogan and Larry Wayne Hogan.

Funeral services took place June 5, 2009 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Rev. Al Black officiated. Burial took place in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Leonard W. Rockefeller, 90

ALBION — Leonard W. Rockefeller, 90, of Albion died Friday, May 29, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

He worked for the Social Security Administration in Daytona Beach, Fla., until his retirement in 1980.

He graduated from Binghamton Central High School in 1936, and was awarded the Bronze Star in the U.S. Army in the Asiatic Pacific theater during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1945.

Mr. Rockefeller was born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on July 20, 1918, to Sidney Benjamin and Natalie (Schuster) Rockefeller. He married Catherine Place on Jan. 2, 1981, in Florida. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dorie and Bill McKeeman, Hollis, N.H., Nancy Rockefeller, Barre, Maine, and Kelly and Brian Allen, Tulsa, Okla., and six grandchildren.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife, were a brother, Howard Wesley Rockefeller, Albion, his parents, and his step-father Edward Warren.

Memorial services will be private. Burial will be in Vestal Hills Memorial Park, Binghamton, N.Y.

Memorials are to Paralyzed Veterans of America at www.pva.org.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kernie Howard, 76

FORT WAYNE — Kernie Howard, 76, died Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Howard retired in 1992 from Zollner Corp.

He was a disabled U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Howard was a native of Whitesburg, Ky.

He was a member of Harvest Freewill Baptist Church in Fort Wayne and the Eagles and American Legion in Garrett.

Surviving are his wife, Ruby Howard; two sons, Bill (Karen) Howard of Albion and Mike (Cindy) Howard of Pensacola, Fla.; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many brothers and sisters.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Nadine Howard.

Celebration of life service took place June 5, 2009 at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

A memorial service took place June 8, 2009 at Harvest Freewill Baptist Church. Pastor Murrey Clugston officiated.

Burial took place in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to the Parkview Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Kathy Sue Lewis, 52

KENDALLVILLE – Kathy Sue Lewis, 52, of Kendallville died on Friday, June 5, 2009 at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

She was born in Kendallville on February 6, 1957 to Raymond and Irene (Collins) Lewis.

Ms. Lewis was a CNA and worked Kendallville Lutheran Home for ten years during the 80's.

Survivors include: three daughters; Renee and Anthony Conley of Wolcottville, Cassandra and Cheyenne Carpenter of Albion, Melissa and Harold Harper Jr. of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren, father of her children; Ray Clevenger of Brimfield; one brother; Donald Lewis of Kendallville; three sisters; Mary Ann and Dave Lindsay of Kendallville, Jeanne Felder and Mark Hart of Kendallville, Faye Martin of Kendallville; several aunts and uncles; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one granddaughter.

Services were held June 9, 2009 at Independent Baptist Church, South Milford.

Willie Collins, officiated the service.

Burial took place at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Directed to the family to help with funeral expenses.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Howard Berkes

With heart felt appreciation to everyone for your kindness and thoughtfullness in our time of grief. We will always be grateful to all of you. Let his memory bring smiles to your face. We miss him deeply and will always love him.

The Family of Howard Berkes

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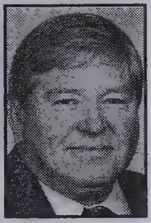
Hugh Eshelman

SYLVAN LAKE, ROME CITY — Longtime Kendallville businessman Hugh Edwin Eshelman, 66, of Sylvan Lake, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.


Mr. Eshelman

Hugh had been the owner and operator of Eshelman Excavating in Kendallville since 1972.

Later, he started Eshelman Sand and Gravel.

Mr. Eshelman was born in Kendallville on March 15, 1943, to Paul Robert and Ruth Elizabeth (Smith) Eshelman.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1961, entered the United States Army, and served his country stateside during the Vietnam Era.

He married Cathleen Ann Ellsworth on July 6, 1963, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

He was baptized and confirmed into the Zion Lutheran Church at a young age and was a lifetime member. Hugh was a dedicated husband, father and grandpa and his faith and his family were the things most important in his life.

Hugh loved to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle and he enjoyed collecting and fixing up classic cars. He was an accomplished marksman and belonged to the Guns & Gallery shooting league on Mile Corner.

Hugh was a big NASCAR fan and especially followed Dale Earnhardt Sr.

In the church, he was a member of the stewardship board. He was a member of Elks Lodge and Eagles Lodge, both in Kendallville, and he served as a Noble County Commissioner from 1977-80.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy Eshelman of Rome City; two daughters, Heather and Josh Molen of Rome City and Chris and Scott Koegler of Kendallville; his mother, Ruth Eshelman Swogger of Kendallville; grandchildren, Zachary, Nicholas, Jordan and Taylor Koegler and Alexandria, Trevor and Elizabeth Molen; a brother, Wayne and Beverly Eshelman of Kendallville; and two sisters, his twin, Sharon and DeWayne Lockwood of Waterloo and Eleanor and Hubert Kugler of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his father, who died in October 1976.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna, with visitation one hour before the service. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Al Wingfield.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana. Casketbearers will be his grandsons, Zach, Nicholas and Trevor, his sons-in-law, Josh and Scott, and his brother, Wayne.

Preferred memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church Mission Fund or Concordia Theological Seminary Student Financial Aid or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dean Eriksen

BRYAN, Ohio — Dean R. Eriksen, 41, of Bryan died Sunday, June 7, 2009, shortly after admittance to St. Anne's Hospital in Toledo after suffering a heart attack.

A 1986 graduate of Montpelier High School, he was formerly employed with Sauder Woodworking in Archbold, Ohio.

He was a volunteer at Home by Grace and a member of Grace Community Church.

Surviving are his wife, Jackie; a daughter, Noell Eriksen of Auburn; two sons, Dean Eriksen Jr. and Travis Eriksen, both of Auburn; two stepsons; one stepdaughter; his parents, Lawrence Eriksen and Carol Eriksen, both of Montpelier, Ohio; a brother; a sister; a niece; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Grace Community Church in Bryan with Pastor Mike Kelly officiating. Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery at Bryan.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, 860 W. Mulberry St., in Bryan.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

George Heffner

ELKHART — George F. Heffner, 86, died at 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with burial in Chapel Hill.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are to donor's choice.

Condolences are to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

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Dr. William Lewis

FORT WAYNE — William J. Lewis, M.D., 62, passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Tacoma, Wash., and raised in Palo Alto, Calif.

Dr. Lewis

He started the Parkview Neonatal I.C.U. along with Dr. Donald Hoffman, and acted as the medical director of the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at Parkview Hospital from 1979 to 2005, and served as medical director emeritus in 2005.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University and an M.D. from Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine, where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha.

He did his internship, residency and fellowship at Children's Hospital, Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He was assistant professor of pediatrics at Ohio State and later clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. He was also on the faculty at Lutheran College of Health Professions and Indiana Vocational Technical College.

Dr. Lewis was board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics; Sub-Board Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine. He was involved in several publications in the Journal of Pediatrics and others. He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He was a member of the Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine; Section on Child Abuse and Neglect; Section on Bioethics; American Medical Association; Indiana State Medical Association; National Perinatal Association; Indiana Neonatal Association; Prevention of Child abuse and Neglect, Indiana Chapter; and the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children.

He was also a member of numerous hospital committees including, Critical Care, Quality Assurance, Pediatrics (Chairman 1988-1991), Credentials and Ethics Committee. He maintained privileges at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne; Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City, and Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

His special medical interests were: child abuse, apnea, SIDS and Neonatal Respiratory Disease. His special personal interests were military history, World War II, naval affairs, photography and G-gauge model trains.

Surviving are his brother, David A. (Linda) Lewis M.D. of Atherton, Calif; sister, Christina Stankovich of San Jose; beloved friend, Annie Parks of Fort Wayne; many loving nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews; cousins; and his many friends of Chicago.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, at D.O. McComb and Sons, Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with visitation 3-7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borremeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, with calling one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fort Wayne Community Foundation Isaac Campbell Kidd Fund (name chosen after the admiral of the USS Arizona by Dr. William Lewis).

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Gilbert Hoeppner

FORT WAYNE — Gilbert C. Hoeppner, 86, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Bethlehem Woods in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road, with Tony Amstutz officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery in Fort Wayne with military graveside services by Woodburn American Legion Post 377.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Promise Ministries.

Memorials are to Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46835 or Parkview Hospice, 1900 Carew St., Suite 6, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Dorman Davis

BUTLER — Butler businessman Dorman D. Davis, 74, of Butler died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Mr. Davis was a former manager of the Kroger grocery for 18 years, had owned and operated the Gamble's store in Butler, and was currently owner of Global Outlet in Butler.

He was a graduate of Butler High School.

He was born Sept. 8, 1934, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Frederick and Berneice (Cross) Davis. He married Beverly Beard on June 5, 1954 in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law Fred and Tammy Davis of Butler and Perry Davis of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Torrie and Jeff Krontz of Butler and Tina and Gerald Kline of Auburn; two sisters, Dorothy Reece of Lodi, Ohio, and Doris Schortgen of Waterloo; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald Davis.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christ's Church of Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Memorials are to Christ's Church of Butler.

Edna Haffner

BUTLER — Edna M. Haffner, 94, died Tuesday, June 10, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

She was born on Sept. 10, 1914, in DeKalb County to William and Susie (Greenfield) Rollins. She married Cloyd Haffner on Oct. 5, 1968. He preceded in death on Aug. 8, 1996.

Surviving are three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Mock; a daughter, Betty R. Scott; four sisters, Viola Jetmore, Evelyn Krafft, Rosa Krontz and Anna White; and a brother, William Rollins.

There will be no calling or funeral services.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Delores Rash

HUDSON — Delores Marie Rash, 73, of Hudson died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Maryellen Kennedy

WATERLOO — Maryellen M. Kennedy, 86, of Waterloo died Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Kennedy worked for several years at the Auburn City Hardware.

She was born Nov. 28, 1922, in Auburn, to Stanley Hull and Gertrude (Shull) Ekelberry. She married William L. Kennedy on June 12, 1940, in Fort Wayne. He survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, William Jr. and Teresa Kennedy of Fremont; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and Milo Weingart of Green Valley, Ariz., Gertrude and Edward Durning of Waterloo and Susan Kennedy of Garrett; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Janice DeWitt.

There will be no calling or services at this time.

A graveside service will be held in the Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett at a later date.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Dorothy Rowan

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Dorothy Rowan, 94, died Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with burial at Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church or donor's choice.

Send condolences to smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Marianne Newcomer

LIGONIER — Marianne Newcomer, 67, of Ligonier passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at her home in Ligonier.

Marianne was born on March 10, 1942, in Brookville, Indiana, to Gilbert and Doris (Aspley) Hazlewander. She moved to Ligonier 22 years ago from the LaGrange area.

On June 6, 1998, at the Ligonier Presbyterian Church, she married Lyle Newcomer, who survives.

Marianne was employed for over 21 years with the Parker Hannifin Inc. in Ligonier as a Trim Operator. In her spare time Marianne's hobbies included taking care of her six dogs, tending to her flower gardens, enjoying her above ground swimming pool, crocheting and making baby blankets for the South Bend Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of the Humane Society of America and the Order of the Eastern Star (O.E.S.)

Surviving with her husband, Lyle Newcomer, are two sons, Michael Lamar and his fiancee, Stacy, of Huntington, Indiana, and Matthew and Patricia Lamar of Fort Wayne; a daughter and her husband, Jennifer Lamar and Lyle Newcomer; three stepdaughters, Pam Green of LaGrange and Penny Lego and Peggy Anderson, both of Three Rivers, Michigan; 17 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Alice Jean Winkler of New Paris, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Donald Hazlewander.

Funeral services for Mrs. Newcomer will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at the Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier. Pastor Joey Nelson of the Stone's Hill Community Church will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 12, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. Visitation will also be one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

The family requests memorial donations be directed to the Noble County Humane Society.

Jerry Yoder

SYRACUSE — Jerry Yoder, 72, of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Syracuse died Monday, June 8, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring.

Mr. Yoder was a teacher and coach at West Noble High School in the 1960s and 1970s. He coached his teams, especially track, to many victories and championships.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with Pastor Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Milford with military honors conducted by members of the Syracuse American Legion and VFW.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations are to the American Lung Association.

Marie Brindle

GARRETT — Marie G. "Mickey" Brindle, 89, of Garrett died Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mrs. Brindle had been employed as a meat packer at Eckrich from 1953-1977.

She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and the Red Hat Society.

She was born Dec. 28, 1919 in South Bend to Frank and Ester (Schrader) Grunawalt. She married Earl Brindle on Oct. 4, 1975, and he died Jan. 2, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Guinn of Auburn; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Thomas E. and Steven A. Gradeless; a brother, Otis Grunawalt; a half brother, Charles Haven; and a half sister, Beatrice Haven Lemon.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will follow in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to assist with expenses.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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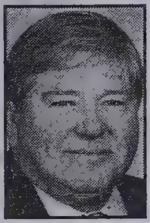
Hugh Eshelman

SYLVAN LAKE, ROME CITY — Longtime Kendallville businessman Hugh Edwin Eshelman, 66, of Sylvan Lake, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.


Mr. Eshelman

Hugh had been the owner and operator of Eshelman Excavating in Kendallville since 1972.

Later, he started Eshelman Sand and Gravel.

Mr. Eshelman was born in Kendallville on March 15, 1943, to Paul Robert and Ruth Elizabeth (Smith) Eshelman.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1961, entered the United States Army, and served his country stateside during the Vietnam Era.

He married Cathleen Ann Ellsworth on July 6, 1963, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville.

He was baptized and confirmed into the Zion Lutheran Church at a young age and was a lifetime member. Hugh was a dedicated husband, father and grandpa and his faith and his family were the things most important in his life.

Hugh loved to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle and he enjoyed collecting and fixing up classic cars. He was an accomplished marksman and belonged to the Guns & Gallery shooting league on Mile Corner.

Hugh was a big NASCAR fan and especially followed Dale Earnhardt Sr.

In the church, he was a member of the stewardship board. He was a member of Elks Lodge and Eagles Lodge, both in Kendallville, and he served as a Noble County Commissioner from 1977-80.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy Eshelman of Rome City; two daughters, Heather and Josh Molen of Rome City and Chris and Scott Koegler of Kendallville; his mother, Ruth Eshelman Swogger of Kendallville; grandchildren, Zachary, Nicholas, Jordan and Taylor Koegler and Alexandria, Trevor and Elizabeth Molen; a brother, Wayne and Beverly Eshelman of Kendallville; and two sisters, his twin, Sharon and DeWayne Lockwood of Waterloo and Eleanor and Hubert Kugler of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his father, who died in October 1976.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. today, Friday, June 12, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna, with visitation one hour before the service. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Al Wingfield.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana. Casketbearers will be his grandsons, Zach, Nicholas and Trevor, his sons-in-law, Josh and Scott, and his brother, Wayne. Honorary casketbearers will be his granddaughters, Jordan and Taylor Koegler and Alexandria and Elizabeth Molen.

Preferred memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church Mission Fund or Concordia Theological Seminary Student Financial Aid or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Merle Steller Jr.

GARRETT — Merle O. Steller Jr., 76, died Thursday, June 11, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Ivan Esparza Jr.

INDIANAPOLIS — Ivan Eduardo Esparza Jr., 1 month old, died Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at St. Vincent Women's Hospital in Indianapolis.

A funeral service will be held Monday at 4 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Steve Cox officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

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George Heffner

ELKHART — George F. Heffner, 86, of Elkhart died at 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at Riverside Village at Elkhart.

Mr. Heffner was a lifetime Elkhart area resident.

He was one of the founding owners and past president of Auspro Manufacturing Co.

Mr. Heffner was a World War II veteran. He received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

He volunteered at the Harvest Basket, was past commander of VFW Post 985, and was a member of the DAV No. 19 and the American Legion post in Nappanee.

Mr. Heffner enjoyed camping, gardening and taking care of his yard.

He was born March 30, 1923, in Osceola to Fred and Marie (Frailey) Heffner. He married Senora I. Neff on Dec. 25, 1942. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Douwsma of Elkhart; a son, Randy A. Heffner of Orland; two grandchildren, Timothy Douwsma of Goshen and Lori Bieganski of Goshen; four sisters, Helen Pettit of Montpelier, Ohio, Carlie and James Eldridge of Rolling Prairie, Marcella Moors of Elkhart and Addaline and Doyne Parker of Nappanee; and two brothers, Curtis Heffner of Elkhart and Orville Heffner of Las Vegas, Nev.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Pauline Meyers, Viola Laurance, Devere Cox and Carol Truex; and a brother, Kenneth Heffner.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, with John Piecush, quartermaster of VFW Post 985, officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Bauman

LAGRANGE — Patricia A. Bauman, 60, of LaGrange, Ind., joined her family in heaven on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Bauman

She was born October 3, 1948, in Sturgis, Mich., the daughter of John and Mildred Jean (Parker) Cart.

She and her husband, Roger, were married June 7, 1969, in Valentine, Ind. Her husband, her parents, and her brother, Tom, preceded her in death.

A graduate of Lakeland High School, LaGrange, Ind., and Adrian College, Adrian, Mich., she retired in 2008 from Lakeland High School after 34 years as a health and physical education teacher. She also coached cross country and volleyball and was on numerous committees at Lakeland.

Pat loved her family, friends and students, and enjoyed her farm and gardens.

A lifelong animal lover, Pat provided a haven for many abandoned cats.

She volunteered often and especially for Relay for Life and Functional Skill Relay/Special Olympics. She was a sponsor for Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), and was a member of the Plato United Methodist Church, Lakeland Education Association, Indiana State Teachers Association, and National Education Association.

Surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, Dennis (Lisa) Cart of Jonesboro, Ind.; a brother-in-law, Steven Bauman of Simpsonville, Ky.; and nieces and nephews, Bethany (Shawn) Miller, Amber Cart, Nathan (Joanna) Cart, Lindsay (Jeff) Turner and Andrew Cart.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, June 14, 2009, at 5 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Russell Hepler officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until service time on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society, ARK Animal Rescue or the Huntington's Chorea Disease Society of America.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Dorothy Rowan

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Dorothy Wanda Rowan, 94, died on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at Community Hospital and Wellness Center in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Rowan

She was born on March 11, 1915, in Farmer Township, Defiance County, Ohio, the daughter of Harry W. and Lily F. (Van Horn) Blair.

She grew up on a farm near Farmer, Ohio, attending a one-room country school for eight years and graduating from Farmer High School in 1933.

Her principal urged her to go to college to become a teacher. She earned a Bachelor's in Education in 1935 from Bowling Green State University, a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1974 from Indiana University and a Master of Science in Education in 1977 from Indiana University.

She taught for three years at country schools in Milford Township and two years in the second grade and fourth grade at Farmer Elementary School until she married in 1940.

She married Robert Rowan on August 5, 1940. They owned Rowan Coal Co. in Hicksville for over 30 years. He died in 1971 after 31 years of marriage.

They moved to Hicksville in 1948 where she taught second and third grade at Hicksville Elementary and from 1959-1981 she taught kindergarten at Hicksville Elementary, retiring in 1981 after 31 years of teaching.

For 27 years during the summer she was a volunteer teacher at the log school house at Sauder Village, Archbold, Ohio.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Hicksville; Hicksville Happy Hatters Red Hat Club; La Fleur de Terre Garden Club; Order of Eastern Star 248 in Bryan; Ohio State Retired Teachers Association; Defiance AAUW and the Bowling Green State University Alumni Association.

She loved traveling which began right after college and included all 50 states and many countries.

She is survived by her children: Janet (George) Kadesch of Lambertville, Michigan, Robert (Jackie) of Auburn, Indiana; David (Laura) of University Heights, Ohio and Dr. Stanley (Carol) of Bryan, Ohio; grandchildren: Gregory (Cynthia) Kadesch of Haslet, Texas, Paul Kadesch of Waterford, Michigan; Lisa (Jonathan) Barth of Auburn, Indiana; Jodi (Jeff) Gibson of Corunna, Indiana; Bobbi (David) Kurtz of Auburn, Indiana; Lindsay Rowan of Arlington, Virginia; Christine (Casey) Spitnale of Dayton, Ohio; Kim Rowan of Bentonville, Arkansas, and Matthew Rowan of Bryan, Ohio; and her great-grandchildren: Justin, Ashton, Tiffany and Kyle Kadesch, Jackson, Madison, and Taylor Barth, and Rowan and Avery Kurtz.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a grandson, Kenton Kadesch; two sisters, Eunice Elser and Mona Rowan; and a brother, Ray Blair.

Funeral services will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Tom Graves officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

Burial will be at Six Corners Cemetery at Hicksville.

Memorials may be given to Trinity United Methodist Church or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Merle Steller Jr.

GARRETT — Merle O. Steller Jr., 76, of Garrett died Thursday, June 11, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Steller

Mr. Steller had worked as a truck driver for United in Fort Wayne. He then worked for the Mahoney Foundry in Kendallville until his retirement in 2008.

He was born May 6, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Merle O. Steller Sr. and Lillian P. Steller. They both preceded him in death.

He married Melanie Walburn on June 6, 1991, in Auburn, and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Bill Basinger of Waterloo, Sandy and Rick Marti of Garrett, Peggy and Mike Jenkins of Auburn and Penny and Jim Wooster of Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Berniece Steller of Louisville, Ky., Merle III and Lynn Steller of Auburn, and Brad and Sheila Steller of Angola; three stepsons and a spouse, Jason and Bridgett High of Garrett, Jeremy High of Garrett and Davy Womack of Garrett; one brother, Tony Steller; 20 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 19, at the Celebration Hall, 1346 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Delores Rash

HUDSON — Delores Marie Rash, age 73, of Hudson died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been ill for about a week.

She was born in Fort Wayne on February 15, 1936, and was the daughter of Urban "Dutch" and Madeline (nee Blaskin) Vanderbosch.

She had lived in Hudson since 1988, coming from Houston, Texas.

She married Charlie Rash on June 11, 1965. He died on January 15, 2008.

Mrs. Rash was a retired waitress and homemaker.

She was a member of the American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville, and the Francis Vineyard VFW Axillary in Kendallville.

She cherished her grandchildren and her dogs and cats.

Surviving are her children, Richard "Dick" (Sheila) Stroh of New Haven, Randy (Kathy) Stroh of Huntington, Stanley (Angie) Stroh of Mt. Edna, Ind., Kent (Cindy) Rash of Cypress, Texas, and Tammy Walton of Houston, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a brother and a grandson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rash will be Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. Pastor Howard Anderson will officiate.

Calling will be from 6-9 on Monday, June 15, at the funeral home.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Please make memorials to the Noble County Humane Shelter or Northeast Cancer Society.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Curt Pietrzak

MIDDLEBURY — Curt Pietrzak, 54, of Middlebury died at 3:20 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at Elkhart Hospice House from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on May 24, 2009, in LaGrange County.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury. Burial will take place at sea and will be conducted by the U.S. Navy. Local military honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post 210 of Middlebury.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Dennis Smith

WATERLOO — Dennis J. Smith, 66, died Friday, June 12, 2009, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Smith had owned and operated DenSign of Waterloo before retiring in 2003.

He was a former member of the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce and a past member of the Waterloo Jaycees. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

He was born March 6, 1943, in Auburn to Richard J. and Opal (Poorman) Smith. He married Janet Dunn on June 17, 1967, in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by a daughter, Leslie Boles of Waterloo; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Patrick and Lindsay Smith of Waterloo, Ryan and Tracy Smith of Waterloo and Nicholas Smith of Waterloo; eight grandchildren, Tifani, Dylan, Piper and Stockard Smith, Austin and Andrew Boles, and Francis and Dalton Smith; a sister Sharon Bullock of Waterloo; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Stanley and Jeanne Smith of Waterloo and Noel and Sue Smith of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard A. Smith.

Services will be Monday, June 15, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Visitation is from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and one hour prior to the service at the church Monday. A Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Hemophilia of Indiana, 5170 East 65th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46220-4992 or DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Masses to the church.

In the tragic loss of our loved one, we would like to thank the many special people who sent flowers & cards, who had us in their thoughts and prayers, who attended his services with us, and the ones that never left our side during this very difficult time. A special thank you to Young Family Funeral Home, Pastor Emory & Mary Gibson, Carla Maloney, Dewana Ritchie & Howie Stanley

The Family of Leslie "Les" Handshoe

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Woman was servant at heart

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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GARRETT — Sandra Albert's life was never about her.

"Sandi was a servant, I think, in the truest sense of the word," said her husband, Tim Albert.

Sandra Albert died Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the age of 52.

"She never wanted to be in the spotlight," Albert said of his late wife. "It was always the background, the mode of the person who can help the most without being seen. That's who she really was at heart. She wanted to know where she could help, and how she could be a positive force without anybody knowing it."

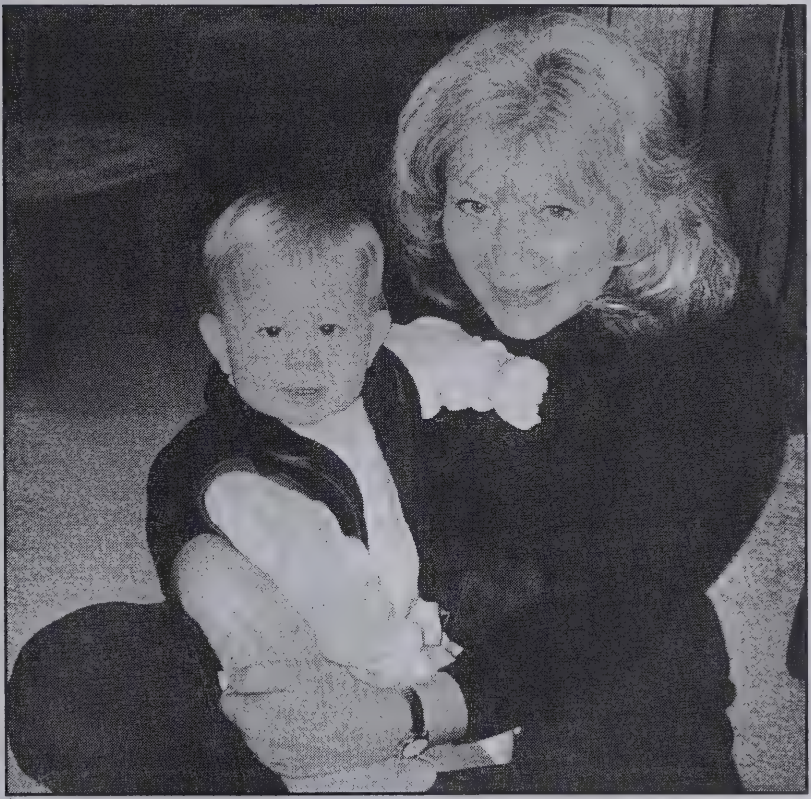
Sandra Albert was a "bright-eyed strawberry blonde" with a big smile and an even bigger heart, her husband said.

"All of her friends from high school through college years and young adult, they always called her Lucy, because she had this strawberry blonde hair and big smile and a sense of humor that was very infectious to those around her," he said. "Over the years, that smile kept growing warmer and more humble. She was always looking for ways to help other people and be the servant she was."

Mrs. Albert also was a devoted mother, according to Tim Albert. Their son, Ezekiel, was born in 1999, and she homeschooled him until part way through first grade, before her illness forced her to stop.

"Her true passion in life was being a mom and homemaker," her husband wrote before her funeral. "She told me many times how much she loved teaching and training Ezekiel and motherhood in general."

Sandra Albert felt a strong connection to senior citizens and toddlers. She enjoyed visiting with seniors, and always put her own problems on the back burner when she talked with them.



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Sandra Albert poses with her son, Ezekiel, in 2000, when he was 1 year old. Mrs. Albert died April 18 at the age of 52.

"She had a way of always making a conversation come back around to finding out how they were, even in her illness," Tim Albert said.

"Sandi's love and caring for others was patient and kind," her close friend, Carma Gaier said at Albert's funeral. "Sandi had a very unique way of turning a concern for her that you would express into getting you to talk about your needs or what she could do for you."

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Gaier recently wrote that she and Sandra Albert often counseled each other through difficult situations during the 30 years they knew each other.

"We knew each other's pasts, and knew each other's hearts, and loved each other deeply," Gaier wrote. "It was such a comfort to know she was continually praying for me. I think that is what I miss the most — the one person that I could go to and talk about anything."

Mrs. Albert also enjoyed spending time with young children. She taught Sunday School to toddlers aged 2 to 4 years at County Line Church of God.

"She could take a kid crying in mom's arms, and they would come out of there not wanting to go home," Tim Albert said. "They wanted to stay with Miss Sandi. It was a tribute, I think, to her personality and genuine love she had for those kids."

Sandra Albert felt it was especially important to teach children about Christ.

"Many kids would go through this and know that Sandi was the first one who really taught them about what the church was all about, what the love of Christ was and how to share it with one another," Albert said. "I just think she had a gift that way."

> *"... Sandi was the first one who really taught them about what the church was all about."*
>
> **Tim Albert**
> Speaking about his wife, Sandi

In fact, Tim Albert said, he was told that on the day the minister announced her death at church, one of his late wife's former Sunday School students leaned over to her grandfather and whispered, "Miss Sandi taught me about Jesus."

"That was a tribute, I thought, to what Sandi was able to do with that age of a child," Albert said. "She just had that natural ability."

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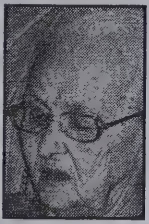
Edna Wicker

KENDALLVILLE — Edna Wicker, 75, of Kendallville died peacefully Friday, June 12, 2009, at 11:59 p.m. in her residence with her family at her side.


Mrs. Wicker

Mrs. Wicker moved to this area in 1959, coming from Kentucky. She had worked at Lyall Electric for 11 years. She was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon.

She enjoyed quilting, cooking, visiting with family, friends and neighbors, and was a fan of Kentucky basketball.

She was born Sept. 4, 1933, in Garrett, Ky., to Simon and Alice (Moore) Hunter. On Jan. 7, 1956, she married Aven "Al" Wicker. He preceded her in death on April 27, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Sherie Wicker of Kendallville; a stepson, Billy G. Wicker of Edgerton, Ohio; a granddaughter and her husband, Lacey and Robert Sills of Auburn; three grandsons, Lane Wolfe, Nathan Fulk and Reese Fulk all of Kendallville; three great grandchildren, Daniel, Lucas, and Collin Sills; two brothers, Paul Hunter of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and Delbert Hunter of Auburn; two sisters, Ruby Wicker of Kendallville and Dorothy Wicker of Lima, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Chester Hunter, and three sisters, Reba Hays, Shirley Smith and Audrey Triplett.

Funeral services will be Monday, at 10 a.m. in the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church at Lisbon with Elders Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker and Larry Dixon officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Casketbearers will be Robert Sills, Jeff Hunter, Ishmel Wicker, Mark Hunter, Frank Wicker, and Kevin King.

Calling will be all day today at the church, where an evening service will be held at 6 p.m.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Helen Hanson

LAGRANGE — Helen I. Hanson, 92, of Howe, died Friday, June 12, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Anita Gordon

COLUMBIA CITY — Anita F. Gordon, 53, a resident of rural Columbia City in Smith Township, died at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with the Rev. Robert Priest officiating.

Calling will be at the mortuary Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service Wednesday morning.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

To leave a condolence, visit sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ralph Walburn

LAGRANGE — Ralph Thomas Walburn, 95, of LaGrange died Saturday, June 13, 2009, in Life Care Center of LaGrange, where he had resided for the past three years.

Mr. Walburn

Mr. Walburn, a lifetime area resident, was a farmer, mechanic, and had worked in maintenance. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in LaGrange and a life member of American Legion Post 381, Rome City. He was an Army veteran, serving during World War II in the 752nd Operating Battalion.

He was born January 18, 1914, in Jefferson Township, Noble County to Cecil P. and Ethyl Mae (Freed) Walburn. On Dec. 23, 1934, in Troy Township, Whitley County, he married Naomi E. Marrs. She preceded him in death on Feb. 16, 1999.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, James L. and Evelyn Walburn of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a daughter, Patricia L. Collins of Dublin, Ga.; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Betty Walburn of Sheridan, Mich.; two sisters, Mary Bushing of Wolcottville and Dorothy Marks of Oklahoma; and a special friend, Virginia Ames of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas R. Walburn on May 24, 2008, and a grandson, Jeffery Walburn.

Services will be Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City. Military graveside services will be by American Legion Post 381, Rome City.

Calling will be Wednesday, June 17, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 381, 110 Kelly Street, Rome City.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Sheryl Trowbridge

LIGONIER — Sheryl K. Trowbridge, 41, of Ligonier died Sunday, June 14, 2009, at 1:15 a.m. at her residence. She passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Trowbridge

She was born April 17, 1968, in Fort Wayne to Sam and Vicki (Embree) Crossley. She married Mathew Trowbridge March 14, 1992; he survives.

A lifelong area resident, Mrs. Trowbridge was a graphic designer. Sheryl graduated from West Noble High School in 1986, was a dedicated homemaker as well as caretaker for her son Steven, and enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

With her husband, she is survived by four children, Alison, Alyssa, Steven, and Samuel Trowbridge, all at home; he mother, Vicki (Joseph) Taylor of Ligonier; her father, Sam (Linda) Crossley of Kendallville; and a brother, Michael (Julie) Crossley of Ligonier.

She wa preceded in death by one brother, Steven "Bub" Crossley in 1990.

Services will be Wednesday June 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Officiating will be celebrant Larry Baker. Interment will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be Tuesday June 16, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to the family for the care of her son, Steven.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Peggy Jones

SHIPSHEWANA — Peggy M. Jones, 78, of Shipshewana died Saturday, June 13, 2009, at home.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be at Sidener Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shipshewana Community Lake Improvement Association.

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Velma Lee

AUBURN — Velma Ruth Lee, formerly of New Haven, passed away peacefully in her sleep June 12, 2009, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

She was born to James Franklin "Frank" and Doris E. Shields Stafford Feb. 5, 1909.She married Merrill "Jenks" Jenkins Sept. 3, 1925. They had one daughter who only lived a few months. Merrill died in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. Ruth married Marvin Lee in 1949 and acquired two stepsons, since deceased, and two grandsons, Bruce and Mark Lee. Ruth was a member of The Church of God.

Ruth has two living brothers and sister-in-laws, Walter and Willamae and Robert and Mary Stafford. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Wilma, and her husband, Keith Shock; a half-sister Ethel Hall; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Merl, Paul and Opal and Maurice Eugene and Annabelle Staffords; and three half-brothers and spouses, Jay L. and Helen Stafford, Charles and Josephine Stafford and Lewis F. Stafford.

Graveside services will be held at Roselawn Cemetary in Auburn on Tuesday, June 16, at 2 p.m.

The Rev. Paul Burris will officiate.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola.

Barbara Jensen

SYRACUSE — Barbara Ann Jensen, 49, of Syracuse died Saturday, June 13, 2009 at home.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. at Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Owen Family Funeral Home, Syracuse.

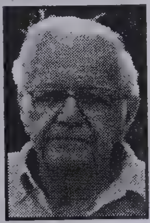
Memorials are to the Barbara Jensen Funeral Fund c/o the funeral home

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 16, 2009, Tuesday

Donald Fultz

FREMONT — Donald G. Fultz, 82, of Fremont and formerly of Trenton, Mich., died Sunday, June 14, 2009, at his home in Fremont.

Mr. Fultz had retired from Chrysler Corp. in 1989 in Trenton, Mich. He and his wife, Betty, moved to the Fremont area in 1990 from Trenton.


Mr. Fultz

He was a graduate of Keego Harbor High School in Keego Harbor, Mich., and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Fultz enjoyed playing golf.

He was born March 18, 1927, in Keego Harbor, Mich., to Lovell G. and Florence (Melville) Fultz. He married Betty Jones on June 4, 1971, in Wyandotte, Mich. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff and Patti Fultz of Lincoln Park, Mich., and Jeff Huesing of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters, Shari and Matt McRae of Eaton Rapids, Mich., and Donita Fultz of Wyandotte, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Stephanie Fultz, Markie McRae and Melissa McRae.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and two brothers.

Private family funeral services will be held.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Stoeckley

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth R. Stoeckley passed away Sunday, June 14, 2009, at 12:42 a.m. at Sunrise Assisted Living at East Cobb in Marietta, Georgia.

She was born March 12, 1914, in Kendallville, Indiana, to Robert E. and Adeline M. Clark Bolton. On January 9, 1937, she married Richard Francis Stoeckley, who passed away September 20, 1975.

Mrs. Stoeckley

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1931, earned an associate degree from the Oberlin College Kindergarten-Primary Training School in 1933 and a Bachelor of Science in education from Saint Francis College in 1963.

She taught kindergarten and first grade for 28 years in Waterloo, Indiana, and at Central and North Side Schools in Kendallville, retiring in 1972.

She lived in Kendallville until 1990 when she moved to Stuart, Florida, and then to Roswell, Georgia, in 1997 and Marietta, Georgia in 2005.

She was a lifelong member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, where she taught Sunday school, served as Sunday school superintendent, sang in the altar choir, was a member of Lydia Circle, and served on the Trinity Church Board of Trustees.

For nearly 60 years she was an active member of Kappa Kappa Kappa Active and Alpha Associate Chapters in Kendallville, serving in many positions and as a province officer. She also served on the Kendallville Public Library Board of Trustees.

Active in professional organizations, she belonged to the Kendallville and East Noble Teachers Associations, Noble County Retired Teachers Association, Indiana State Teachers Association, NEA, and Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

In Florida she attended Stuart United Methodist Church and volunteered at Martin Memorial Hospital. During her residence in Georgia she attended Roswell United Methodist Church.

An avid bridge player, she also loved to read, knit, paint, do needlework, watch sports and travel.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Walter C. Bolton; and a sister, Berniece L. Bolton.

Surviving are a daughter, Ann R. Haffner (Charles), Syracuse, Indiana; a son, John B. Stoeckley (Karen), Louisiana, Missouri; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 20.

Services will be held at the funeral home at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, with the Rev. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials can be made to Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville or the Kendallville Public Library.

THE NEWS SUN
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Iva Crowe

ALBION — Iva B. Crowe, age 91, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at 5 a.m. at Eaton Community Hospice in Charlotte, Michigan. She passed away surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Crowe

She was born on December 20, 1917, in Albion and was the daughter of Leo E. and Eva (Waugh) Jaquay. She was a lifetime resident of the Albion community.

Mrs. Crowe attended of Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville and enjoyed reading.

"Mom" touched many lives with her cheerful smile and willingness to help anyone she could. She was deeply involved in working for her church and will be missed by many.

She is survived by two sons, Elton E. (Joan) Crowe of Charlotte, Mich., and Ralph D. (Diane) Crowe of Grabill; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 56 years, Ralph P. Crowe in 1993.

Funeral services for Mrs. Crowe will be Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Ron Stratman will be officiating.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Iva to Eaton Community Hospice, 2675 S. Cochran, Charlotte, MI 48813.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Delores Rash

HUDSON — Delores Marie Rash, age 73, of Hudson died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been ill for about a week.

Mrs. Rash

She was born in Fort Wayne on February 15, 1936, and was the daughter of Urban "Dutch" and Madeline (nee Blaskin) Vanderbosch.

She had lived in Hudson since 1988, coming from Houston, Texas.

She married Charlie Rash on June 11, 1965. He died on January 15, 2008.

Mrs. Rash was a retired waitress and homemaker.

She was a member of the American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville, and the Francis Vinyard VFW Auxiliary in Kendallville.

She cherished her grandchildren and her dogs and cats.

Surviving are her children, Richard "Dick" (Sheila) Stroh of New Haven, Randy (Kathy) Stroh of Huntington, Stanley (Angie) Stroh of Mt. Edna, Ind., Kent (Cindy) Rash of Cypress, Texas, and Tammy Walton of Houston, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a brother and a grandson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Rash will be today, Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla. Pastor Howard Anderson will officiate.

Calling was Monday, June 15, at the funeral home.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Please make memorials to the Noble County Humane Shelter or Northeast Cancer Society.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 16, 2009, Tuesday

Sheryl Trowbridge

LIGONIER — Sheryl K. Trowbridge, 41, of Ligonier died Sunday, June 14, 2009, at 1:15 a.m. at her residence. She passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Trowbridge

She was born April 17, 1968, in Fort Wayne to Sam and Vicki (Embree) Crossley. She married Mathew Trowbridge March 14, 1992; he survives.

A lifelong area resident, Mrs. Trowbridge was a graphic designer. Sheryl graduated from West Noble High School in 1986, was a dedicated homemaker as well as caretaker for her son Steven, and enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

With her husband, she is survived by four children, Alison, Alyssa, Steven, and Samuel Trowbridge, all at home; her mother, Vicki (Joseph) Taylor of Ligonier; her father, Sam (Linda) Crossley of Kendallville; and a brother, Michael (Julie) Crossley of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Steven "Bub" Crossley in 1990.

Services will be Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Officiating will be celebrant Larry Baker. Interment will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be today, Tuesday June 16, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to the family for the care of her son, Steven.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Christina Trent

ANGOLA — Christina M. Trent, 34, of Angola died Sunday, June 14, 2009, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Ms. Trent

Ms. Trent attended the Calvary Temple PCG in Angola.

She was born March 17, 1975, in Angola.

Surviving are her parents, Raymond and Cynthia (Kauffman) Squier; one son, Trevor Lee Trent of Angola; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dobby A. and Patrick E. Hudson of Angola and Samantha and Justin VanGompel of Fremont; her maternal grandmother, Marge Johnson of Angola; and her paternal grandmother, Betty Squier of Angola.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Calvary Temple PCG, 400 E. Henry St., Angola, with Pastor Vince Torres and Pastor Tom Cochran officiating.

A picture viewing will be held from 1-3 p.m. Friday prior to the memorial service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to a trust fund for Trevor Trent in care of the Farmers State Bank.

THE NEWS SUN
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Hugh Mullen

KENDALLVILLE — Hugh Thomas Mullen, 82, of Cotopaxi, Colo., and formerly of Kendallville died March 21, 2009, at his son's home in Cotopaxi.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran School, the Alzheimer's Foundation or to the family.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Victoria Keith

FREMONT — Victoria Keith, 38, of Fremont, died Sunday, June 14, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Calling will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Isabelle Carsten

AUBURN — Isabelle M. Carsten, 94, of Auburn died Sunday, June 14, 2009, at her Auburn home.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Juanita Leitch

ALBION — Juanita Maurine Leitch, 84, of Albion died at 12:20 p.m. Saturday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Nikki and Terry Marker, Silver Lake.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2009 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Hospice of Kosciusko County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Una Slavens

BROWNSBURG — Una Eileen Slavens, 75, of LaGrange died Sunday, June 14, 2009.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg, with calling from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Roselawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Ind.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 17, 2009, Wednesday

Mary Ann Stanley

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Ann Stanley, age 82, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stanley was born in Fort Wayne on October 3, 1926, to Frederick and Anna (Schmidt) Herber.

She graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1944 and Riley College in Fort Wayne where she earned a secretarial certificate.

Mrs. Stanley

She was formerly married to Eldon B. Stanley who survives in LaGrange, Indiana.

Since 2006, at her late age, she was taking classes to obtain her nursing degree from Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. She was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society in 2008.

Mrs. Stanley was employed as a Certified Nurses Assistant and worked as a private home health care provider for many years in the Fort Wayne area.

Mary Ann enjoyed refinishing and reupholstering furniture, gardening and canning, sewing and embroidering, playing euchre and socializing with her friends.

She was dedicated to furthering her education later in life and her goal was to become a flight nurse.

In Mary Ann's early days, she was an avid violinist.

Survivors include her children, daughter, Ann and Dick Marcotte of Fort Wayne, son, Brian and Vicky Stanley of Salinas, California, daughter, Kay and Larry Davidson of Columbia City, son, Kevin Stanley of Fort Wayne, daughter, Cynthia and Bill Roseberry of Fort Wayne, daughter, Kim and Larry Stanley of Kendallville, and daughter, Lynn and Greg Walker of Morocco, Indiana; her grandchildren; her great-grandchildren; her twin brother, Francis Herber of Roanoke; sister, Agnes Bauermeister of Fort Wayne, sister, Esther and Dick Feipel of Fort Wayne and sister, Rita Sohaski of Tucson, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 18, 2009, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, June 19, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Una Slavens

LAGRANGE — Una Eileen Slavens 75, of LaGrange, Ind., went to be with our Heavenly Father June 14, 2009.

She was a member of North Vernon Order of Eastern Star, the United Methodist Church in Terre Haute, and attended the Stroh (Ind.) Church of Christ.

Mrs. Slavens

She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Slavens; her children, Eileen (John Sr.) Lurker, Tonya (Craig) Hoppes, Rob (Lecia) Slavens and David (Ursula) Slavens; three brothers, James E. McDaniels, Ralph McDaniels and O.R. Bingley; a sister, Ann Myers; her mother-in-law, Frances Slavens; her grandchildren, Angelia (Matthew) Thorpe, John (Alyson) Lurker Jr., Drew Lurker, Ryan Lurker, Stacy (Troy) Baer, Kelly (Kevin) Ross, Amy (Adam) Copeland, Bobby Slavens, Brock Slavens, Morgan Candelaria-Slavens and Sam Swagerty; and her great-grandchildren Avery, Nolan, and Chase Thorpe, Caroline and Evelyn Lurker, Abbey and Dylan Ross, McKenzie and Jaden Baer, Ava Copeland.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 18, at Matthews Mortuary, 690 E. 56th St., Brownsburg, with visitation there from 4-8 p.m. today, Wednesday, June 17.

Interment will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Roselawn Cemetery, Terre Haute.

THE NEWS SUN
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June 17, 2009, Wednesday

Howard Egly

ANGOLA — Howard Eugene Egly Sr., 94, of Waterloo died Monday, June 15, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Egly had been a farm hand at the Kenneth Newnam Farm for 22 years, retiring in 1983. He had also been employed at JTK-American Tractor in Churubusco.

Mr. Egly

He had been a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps Co. 556 and worked at Pokagon State Park planting trees and constructing buildings.

He was born Nov. 26, 1914, in Craigville in Wells County, Ind., to Albert and Sylvia S. (Blair) Egly. They are deceased.

He married Mary Esther Weirick on Nov. 2, 1940. She also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, Howard E. Egly Jr. and his wife, Ronda, of Waterloo and Phillip J. Egly and his wife, Kathy, of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Eric Egly, Amy Snider, Chris Egly, Chad Egly, Brian Egly, Joe Jarrell, Kenny Arney and Scott Meeks; seven great-grandchildren, Devin, Allison, Jeremiah, Scott, Nicole, Jarrett, Mollie and one more great-grandchild; and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jill Meeks, and 10 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 19, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Rick Pettys officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health.

Isabelle Carsten

AUBURN — Isabelle M. Carsten, 94, of Auburn died Sunday, June 14, 2009, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Carsten had been a social secretary, retiring in 1979.

She was a member of the Steuben County Woman's Club, Steuben County Republican Women's Club, Jamestown Extension Homemakers and the Angola Business and Professional Women's Club who named her Woman of the Year in 1987.

Mrs. Carsten was a past president of the Well Child Board of Directors, past president of the Steuben County Council on Aging, treasurer of the local AARP chapter, board member of the Aging & In-Home Services and had been an Older Hoosier delegate to the Legislative Assembly.

She was a volunteer for RISE Inc., the Well Child Clinic, Sertoma and S.O.S. She received the Service to Mankind Award from the Sertomas in 1990.

Mrs. Carsten was also involved with the Community of the Cross, Crosswood Centre, in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 29, 1914, in Chicago to Amos and Mae (Eich) Warwick. She married Earl Carsten and he died April 1, 2008.

Surviving are her nieces and nephews, Andrew and Carol Ferguson, Mona Lusk and Harlan and Joan Warwick, all of Nevada.

Funeral services will be at 6:30 pm. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Mother Joan North officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Magdalene Crosswood Centre at Auburn.

Calling will be from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Community of the Cross in Auburn.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 17, 2009, Wednesday

Juanita Maurine Leitch, 84

ALBION – Juanita Maurine Leitch, 84, of Albion, died at 12:20 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Nikki & Terry Marker, Silver Lake.

She was born February 11, 1925 in Tallahassee, Florida a daughter of Guy Neil and Juanita Marie (DeMoss) Willits. As a young girl, her family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. She graduated from Tulsa High School and later received an associates degree in business.

On February 19, 1944 she was united in marriage to Paul M. Leitch. They made their home in Churubusco until 1961 when they moved to Albion. Mr. Leitch died February 13, 2009.

Surviving relatives include three children, Nikki M. (Terry) Marker of Silver Lake, Douglas M. (Jinna) Leitch of Albion and Kim (Jeff) Hoover of Ligonier; five grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; a brother, G. Neil Willits of Tulsa, OK; and special friends, Joe & Deb Halsey of Albion.

The funeral service was held Monday, June 22, 2009 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kosciusko County.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Iva B. Crowe, 91

ALBION - Iva B. Crowe, age 91, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 5:00 AM at Eaton Community Hospice in Charlotte, Michigan. She passed away surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on December 20, 1917 in Albion and was the daughter of Leo E. and Eva (Waugh) Jaquay. She was a lifetime resident of the Albion Community.

Mrs. Crowe was a member of Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville and enjoyed reading.

She touched many lives with her cheerful smile and willingness to help anyone she could and was deeply involved in working for her church and will be missed by many.

She is survived by two sons, Elton E. (Joan) Crowe of Charlotte, MI; and Ralph D. (Diane) Crowe of Grabill; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 56 years, Ralph P. Crowe in 1993.

Funeral services for Mrs. Crowe will be Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 2:00 PM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Ron Stratman will be officiating.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 pm on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Iva to Eaton community Hospice, 2675 S. Cochran, Charlotte, MI 48813.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 18, 2009, Thursday

Harry Gage

AUBURN — Harry L. Gage, 87, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gage had been a printer at Doty Lithograph for 28 years, retiring in 1990. He also drove for many years for the Indiana Auto Auction and Ben Davis.

Mr. Gage

He was born May 6, 1922, in Sturgis, Mich., the son of Vern and Helen Gage.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Gage of Auburn; five sons and a daughter-in-law, Andrew and Michelle Gage of Muncie, Edward Gage of Toledo, Ohio, Frank Gage of Springfield, Ill., Jeffrey Gage of Toledo and Trent Groves of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Timothy Harding of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Elsie Lee

CORUNNA — Elsie M Lee, 76, of Corunna died Thursday, June 17, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Julia McCavit

ELKHART — Julia Varner McCavit, 96, of Elkhart, a native of Hamilton, died April 25, 2009, in Golden Living Center.

Among her survivors are a sister, Gertrude Casebere of Butler.

Services were at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home of Elkhart. Entombment was in the Chapel of Memories Mausoleum at Rice Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Larry Wade

BRIMFIELD — Larry A. Wade, 58, of Mt. Holly, N.C., and formerly of Brimfield died Friday, June 12, 2009, in Mt. Holly.

Mr. Wade had moved to the Kendallville area in 1966 from West Virginia.

Mr. Wade

He had worked at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for 30 years.

He was born Oct. 3, 1950, in Berwind, W.Va., to Lewis and Betty (Kirby) Wade. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry Wade Jr. and Sandy Wade of Bellmont, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Cherri and Tim Love of Mt. Holly; seven grandchildren; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Brenda and Frank Swank of Logan, Ohio, Mary Jane and Bill Tritt of Columbus, Ohio, Barbara Benton of Goshen, Ginger and Michael Snook of Goshen and Evelyn and Duane Krotzer of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Pat Wade of Kendallville; two brothers-in-law, John Sheets of Kendallville and Ken Woody of Brimfield; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, Ronald, Donald, Allan and Louis Wade Jr., and two sisters, Betty Gaye and Bonnie Woody.

Friends and family members are invited to memorial services at The House of Prayer Full Gospel, 1608 Dowling St. in Kendallville from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. Emory Gibson officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to gmsnk@aol.com.

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Maynard Balbaugh

FORT WAYNE — Maynard J. Balbaugh, 88, died Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at Countryside Care Center in Jackson, Mich.

Mr. Balbaugh worked as a machinist at International Harvester for 22 years and for Wirco in Avilla for several years.

Mr. Balbaugh

He was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Jackson and a former member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

A native of Defiance County, Ohio, he was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the American Legion and Knights of Columbus Council 11353.

Surviving are a son, David (Anne) Balbaugh of Rome City; two daughters, Carol (John) Hansen of Milford, Mich., and Linda (Jim) Rowley of Jackson, Mich.; a sister, Rosemarie Hamrick of Monroeville; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five stepchildren; and numerous stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Vera Balbaugh, and his wives, Kathleen Balbaugh and Gloria R. (Hagan) Balbaugh.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 Wallen Road, with Father Thomas Kodakassery officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road with a vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to a hospice of the donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

John Ehret

ASHLEY — John T. Ehret, 43, of Ashley died Tuesday at his home.

Private services will be held.

Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Harold McFall

MELROSE PARK, Ill. — Harold L. McFall, 43, of Melrose Park and formerly of Fremont died June 2, 2009, at Gottleib Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park.

Cremation has taken place.

Kopicki's Heritage Funeral Home of Berwyn, Ill., was in charge of arrangements.

Elsie Lee

CORUNNA — Elsie M. Lee, 76, died Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at her home in Corunna.

Elsie was a homemaker.

She was born May 6, 1933 in Cynthiana, Kentucky, to Ed and Anna (Hicks) Lucky. They have both passed away.

Mrs. Lee

She was a member of the Corunna Community Church, Kendallville Eagles Auxiliary and the Kendallville VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She married Woodrow Lee on April 30, 1960, in Nicholasville, Kentucky, and he survives.

She is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, MaryAnn A. and Richard Hillard of Knoxville, Tenn.; a granddaughter and her husband, Janet K. and Ron Barton of St. Joe, Louisiana; and a sister-in-law, Norma Lucky of Omaha, Nebraska.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Charles Lucky; and two sisters, Nina Hutchison and Judith Roberts.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 21, 2009, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

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Margaret Hosler

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret J. "Peg" Hosler, 94, of Kendallville and formerly of LaOtto died at 11:15 p. m. Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville. She had been a patient there for the past 17 years, and had been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Hosler spent her formative years in the Huntington and Roanoke area.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Hosler was born on Oct. 29, 1914, in Huntington to Lewis and Ella (Keller) Zent. She married Howard P. Hosler on Aug. 20, 1937, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death Nov. 12, 1986.

Surviving are two daughters, Donna Griffis of LaOtto and Jane (Tom) Smith of Howe; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert Zent and Howard Zent, and by a great-granddaughter, Rhoda Smith.

Funeral services will be at 1 p. m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Sue Socha, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto, officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be after 10 a. m. Monday until the time of the service.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto, IN 46763.

To leave a condolence for the family go to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Orla Myers

FREMONT — Orla B. Myers, 93, of Fremont died Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Myers worked for the Indiana Toll Road for 20 years, retiring in 1978.

He owned Orland Package Liquor and was a retired farmer.

Mr. Myers was a charter member and past governor of the Angola Moose Lodge and a former member of the Angola Elks Lodge. He was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236 and became a Third Degree Mason in 1966. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and the Mizpah Shrine.

He enjoyed fishing, golfing and bowling.

He was born January 7, 1916, in DeKalb County, Indiana, to Seth and Effie (Fisher) Myers. He married Wanda DeLancey.

Surviving are a son, James "Sonny" Myers of Birchtree, Mo.; two daughters, Gloria Grim of Fremont, Ind., and Barbara and Bobby Payne of Green Valley, Ariz.; a sister, Mildred June Hill of Williamston, Mich.; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Wanda DeLancey Myers on Jan. 30, 1998; five brothers, Floyd, Lloyd, Glen, Voyle and Chris Myers; and two sisters, Norma Parker and Harriet Loucks.

Masonic funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20, 2009, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Paul Friend officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Angola Masonic Lodge.

J. Maurine Leitch

ALBION — Juanita Maurine Leitch, 84, of Albion died at 12:20 p.m. Saturday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Nikki and Terry Marker, Silver Lake.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2009 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Hospice of Kosciusko County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Dorllas Kline

SYRACUSE — Dorllas M. Kline, 84, of Syracuse died Friday, June 19, 2009, at Goshen General hospital, Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Landon Rutter

GARRETT — Infant Landon William D'Wayne Leland Rutter, 1-day-old son of Ashley Letrice Leland and Samuel Robert Rutter of Garrett, died Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at DuPont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his parents are a grandmother and stepgrandfather, Kathryn and Daniel Wolfe of Kendallville; a grandmother, Patty Leland of Garrett; grandparents, Claudy and Regina Todd of Grabill; a stepgrandmother, Debra Rutter of Logan, Ohio; a great-grandmother, Ruth Leland of Garrett; his aunts, Abigail Dorton of Garrett, Rachel Wolfe of Kendallville, Karrie Blosser of New Lexington, Ohio, and Shelly Rutter of Logan, Ohio; and an uncle, Dewayne Rutter of Logan, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Samuel Rutter; great-grandfathers, Robert Cowan, Wayne Leland, Lowell Leland, Claudy Dale Todd and John Rutter; great-grandmothers, Retta Cowan, Patsy Leland, Norma Jean Todd and Pauline Gilkey; and uncles, Adam Rutter and Justin Todd.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Sedan Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to noon Monday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Thomas Aungst II

ALBION — Thomas H. Aungst II, 69, of Tampa, Fla., and formerly of Albion, died Sept. 10, 2008, in Kindred Hospital in Tampa.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Isabelle Carsten

AUBURN — Isabelle M. Carsten, 94, of Auburn died Sunday, June 14, 2009, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Carsten had been a social secretary, retiring in 1979.

She was a member of the Steuben County Woman's Club, Steuben County Republican Women's Club, Jamestown Extension Homemakers and the Angola Business and Professional Women's Club who named her Woman of the Year in 1987.

Mrs. Carsten was a past president of the Well Child Board of Directors, past president of the Steuben County Council on Aging, treasurer of the local AARP chapter, board member of the Aging & In-Home Services and had been an Older Hoosier delegate to the Legislative Assembly.

She was a volunteer for RISE Inc., the Well Child Clinic, Sertoma and S.O.S. She received the Service to Mankind Award from the Sertomas in 1990.

Mrs. Carsten was also involved with the Community of the Cross, Crosswood Centre, in Auburn.

She was born Aug. 29, 1914, in Chicago to Amos and Mae (Eich) Warwick. She married Earl Carsten and he died April 1, 2008.

Surviving are her nieces and nephews, Andrew and Carol Ferguson, Mona Lusk and Harlan and Joan Warwick, all of Nevada.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Father E. Brian "Skip" Carsten on March 27, 2009, and a brother, Ralph Warwick.

Funeral services were held Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Mother Joan North officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary Magdalene Crosswood Centre at Auburn.

Memorials are to Community of the Cross in Auburn.

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Craig crosses the final finish line

BY JIM SHILANDER
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FREMONT — When Charles "Chad" Craig was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis in 1972 as an infant, his mother, Sheila Petry, was told he wouldn't become a teenager. Craig lost his battle with the illness last month, but he managed to pack quite a life, one that touched many throughout Fremont, into is 37 years.

While the life-expectancy for someone with cystic fibrosis (CF) has increased due to to better awareness and early treatments, when Craig was diagnosed, his chances of seeing 20 were dim, his mother said. Two things, she said, kept he son going.

"The two reasons Chad made it to 37 were that God watched over him and that he was a runner," she said.

Craig ran track and cross country, first at Fremont Middle School, then at the high school. His coach, Bob Head, said he'd tracked Craig's progress while he was in middle school to be sure his body could handle the strain of the sport.

"I thought 'If he's handling it there, he'll be able to handle it here,'" Head said. Craig embraced the challenge of running distance, Head said.

"He was an amazing runner, especially for having a disease like he had. He just put everything into it," Head said.

Craig was accomplished enough as a runner to finish fifth at a regional competition in 1988 and ran at Manchester College.

"He led us in workouts most of the time," Head said. "He was just kind of an upbeat customer and he'd never really talk about his disease."

Craig's runs helped to raise awareness of the disease in the area, his mother said.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Charles "Chad" Craig fought cystic fibrosis for 37 years, besting doctor's predictions by 25 years. In high school, Craig was an accomplished runner. Here he is at regionals, where he finished in fifth place in 1988.

"I want to thank a lot of the people in Steuben County who've supported Chad. He started out a poster child for CF," Petry said.

She noted the support her son received from various people in the Fremont community specifically.

A few years after he stopped running competitively, Craig took up pool, and did so in a big way, joining the American Pool Association and even coaching. Connie Gorman, one of the co owner's of McCool's Tavern, went to school with Craig at Fremont but really got to know him after she and her husband took over the bar.

"That's what he did every Thursday and Friday night, play pool," Gorman said. "He was such a good teacher. We actually went to Las Vegas (where a national tournament is held). We won regionals with him last year and got to

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go Vegas. He was our captain."

Gorman said Craig took up the game when he turned 21, and it helped to fuel him competitively.

"He was definitely very competitive," she said. "He did not like to lose."

Longtime friend Stephen Pierre, who played on the McCool's team with Craig, agreed.

"He was awesome," Pierre said. "I loved playing for Chad because there was no B.S. He was always straight with you. He wanted to shoot a good game. He was a winner all his life. Even with his disease beating on him, he was beating it. Everything in his life he went after 110 percent."

Sam Presley, Craig's uncle, employed him at his Angola timber company. He hired Craig after college and a brief stint as a physical education teacher.

"You couldn't ask for a better worker," Presley said. "Or a better nephew. He was like a son. I can't give him enough praise for the way he was. Anything he could do he would do for you."

Even as his disease began to take its toll, Presley said Craig would remain steadfast.

Kristi Vandiver got to see a different side of Craig. The two met almost two years ago.

"We actually met on the Internet," Vandiver said. "He's actually the only person I've ever really met on the Internet."

While going through what she called a rough period, Vandiver went to an online dating site, but ultimately decided against joining because of the fees. However, she began receiving e-mails from prospective dates, and one was Craig.

"We talked for two or three months via e-mail," she said. "We met on Labor Day weekend (2007). I was camping with my family, so it was probably pretty intimidating to Chad. But after that, it was just Chad and I."

Vandiver said Craig actually kept his illness from her for a while they were together. The game was up, however, when Craig received a call from the CF clinic in Fort Wayne where he received treatments.

"He had answered on speaker phone and he immediately took it off," she said. "After that he was very open about it."

Vandiver said she began studying CF more as part of some college projects and was able to talk with Craig about his disease.

"His whole world just opened up to me at that point. He was a really, really good man. He was very caring, and at the same time, very concerned about others," she said.

Most nights, she said, the pair would stay in, watch movies and cuddle.

"He had an uncanny ability to read people. You knew exactly where you stood with Chad, there were no ulterior motives."

During his final months, she said, Craig concerned himself with helping others as a role model. After going unconscious on a trip to the hospital in Fort Wayne in January, Vandiver said Craig's first thoughts upon waking up were of another area CF patient.

"He wanted to talk to him, he wanted to be that example of how you needed to take care of yourself," she said.

He was also thinking about the two of them, she said. Due to finances, the couple decided not to exchange gifts at Christmas. Things seemingly hadn't improved much by Valentine's Day.

"I got up Valentine's Day morning and went into the bathroom and saw a gift box with a big bow. He'd gotten me a pair of diamond earrings. I still don't know how he'd pulled it off."

Petry said a pair of scholarships are being put together in Craig's memory. One will go to a cross country runner from Fremont while another will go through the CF clinic at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, to go to a student interested in respiratory therapy.

Fund raisers will include pool and poker tournaments at McCool's, she said.

"That way, Chad's legacy will get to live on," Petry said.

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Tony Vanderpool

GARRETT — Tony L. Vanderpool, 51, of Garrett died on Friday, June 19, 2009, at 6:45 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Vanderpool was a laborer at Kimballs in Auburn for 21 years. He enjoyed hunting and liked to fish.

He was born March 1, 1958, in Garrett to John and Mavis (Howard) Vanderpool.

He is survived by his mother, Mavis Vanderpool of Garrett and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Funeral Celebrant Ryan Myers of Thomas Funeral Home officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or donor's choice.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Arrangements by Thomas Funeral Home.

Dorllas Kline

SYRACUSE — Dorllas M. Kline, 84, of Syracuse died Friday, June 19, 2009, at 3:15 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen, of natural causes.

She was born Feb. 25, 1925 in LaGrange County to Frank and Myrtle (Malone) Steffe. She moved from Kendallville to the Syracuse area in 1958.

Ms. Kline was retired from Kreuter Manufacturing in New Paris.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Jack Spitler of Syracuse and Stacy and Jeff Troxel of Wakarusa; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Kimberly Conrad of Syracuse; eight grandchildren, Jeff and Megan Spitler, Kim Minnick, Stephen, Michael and Jeffery Conrad and Brayden and Ashley Troxel; four great-grandchildren, Brandie and Kyle Spitler and Mallorie and Wes Minnick; and two great-great-grandchildren, Austin Spitler and Dante Kaufman.

She was preceded in death by her parents and five siblings, Wayne Leo, Alvin, Frank Jr. and Merlin Steffe, and Lucille Weible.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be at English Prairie Cemetery, Mongo.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Sheila Gage

ALBION — Sheila F. Gage, 74, of Albion, passed away Saturday, June 20, 2009, at Goshen Memorial Hospital.

Visitation is scheduled for Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville where arrangements are pending.

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Margaret Waring

AUBURN — Margaret "Peg" L. Waring, 78, of Auburn died on Friday, June 19, 2009, at 8:25 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 6, 1931, in Buffalo, N.Y. to Edward and Margaret (Fleming) Albright. She married Richard J. Waring on Sept. 25, 1954, in Hamburg, N.Y. They moved to Auburn in 1963 to raise their family.

Mrs. Waring

Peg was a homemaker. She was an avid gardener, knitter and seamstress. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, a member of the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild, past 4-H leader and past Girl Scout leader. Peg was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Surviving is her husband of 54 years, Richard J. Waring of Auburn. Daughter and son in-law, Bridget and Paul Beber of Auburn; son and daughter in-law, Richard Jr. and Deborah Waring of Kimmel; daughter and son in-law, Nanette and Scott Batey of Pleasant Lake and son and daughter in-law Henry and Diana Waring of Avilla. One sister, Nancy Ludwig of Hamburg, N.Y. and eleven grandchildren; Candace, Edward and Margaret Beber; Richard "Trey" Waring III, Kellie Waring, Colton Batey, Henry Waring Jr., Amelia, Seth, Lydia and Eric Waring. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Patricia DiRosa.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Fr. Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will take place on Monday, June 22, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, and one hour prior to Mass at the church. A rosary service will be held on Monday at 7:30 p.m. Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Arrangements by Thomas Funeral Home.

Alford Bowling

ANGOLA — Alford "Lee" Bowling, 44, of Fort Wayne died Friday, April 24, 2009, at Glenbrook Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

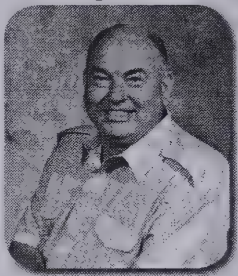
Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday (June 27) at the home of his parents, Don and Linda Lanning, 8810 W. U.S. 20, Angola.

Those attending are asked to remain for a time of fellowship and food.

Memorials are to the Salem, Ind., Fire Department or to the family.

In Loving Memory Of

Donald Gene Jordan



We all love you and miss you very much

Love, Your Wife,
Children, Grandchildren
& Great-Grandchildren

In Loving Memory of
Dale Hershberger

Your loving kindness
will never be forgotten.
Thanks for the memories.
Love,
Your Daughters
& Grandchildren

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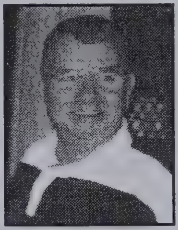
CARL "FRANK" WILCOX



Dad,
Your loving ways
are in our hearts forever.
We love you so much.
Your Wife & Kids
Mike, Cathy, Deb & Phil

In Loving Memory of

Jesse Belcher

We love and miss
you so much. You are
forever in our hearts.
I love you, Dad.
Your Loving Family

In Loving Memory of

William "Bill" Helfrich

We will always remember how
special you made our lives.
Love,
Your children,
Rick, Carol & Lin

In Loving Memory

Richard "Abe" Frost

Terry Frost

"Death leaves a heartache none can
heal, but love leaves memories that
none can steal"
-Your Loving Family

In Loving Memory Of

Max D. Smith

1946-2001

You May Be Gone,
But Not Forgotten
Happy Father's Day

Love,
Christine
& Teresa

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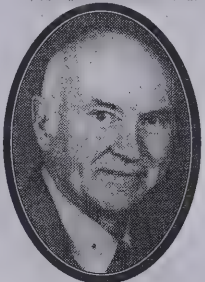
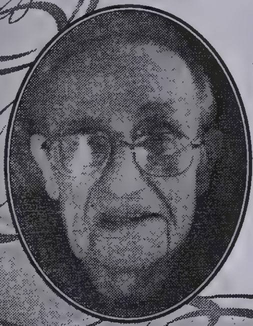
Robert Farver



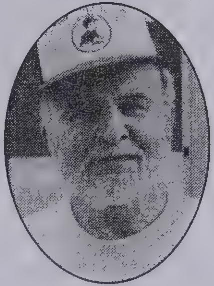
You are in our hearts.
We miss you.
Love, Bob, Jeri & Family

In Loving Memory of
Oliver Petry



We will always remember
how you were there for
us. We love you.
Wife, Family and
Grandchildren

In Loving Memory of
Walt Lampe



Remembering the
best dad ever!
Love, Lori

In Loving Memory of
Roy Collingsworth
June 26, 1926 - January 18, 1999
Forever Loved
Dad, Grandpa & Great-Grandpa

Love,
Nadine (Daughter),
Jason (Grandson), and
Alan, Nathan & Tyler
(Great-Grandsons)

In Loving Memory of
Tom Turner

We will always remember your
smile and laugh. Thank you
for the wonderful memories.
Love, Wife, Children
and Grandchildren

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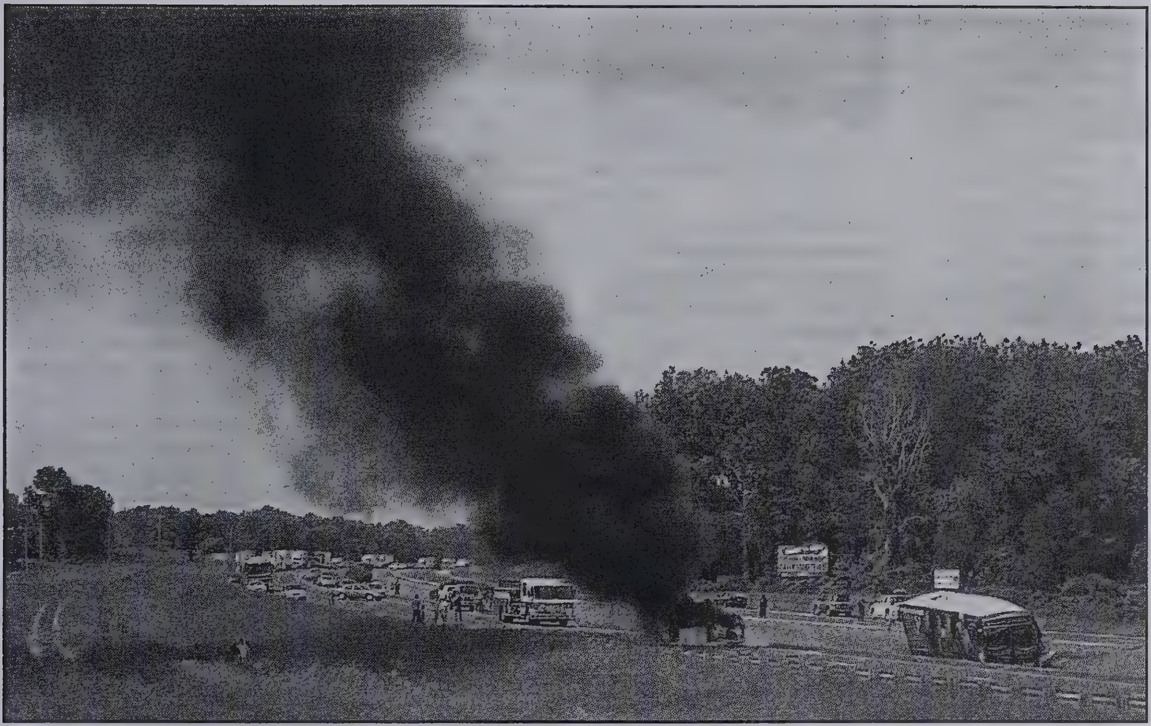

MIKE MARTURELLO

Smoke billows from a sport utility vehicle that collided head-on with a Greyhound bus carrying members of a semi-pro football team from Canada on I-69 in Steuben County on Sunday. In addition to the fatality, at least 14 other people were injured, including two who had to be transported to trauma centers by air ambulance.

One dies in fiery I-69 wreck

SUV, bus carrying football team collide

BY MIKE MARTURELLO
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ANGOLA — One person was killed and several injured in a fiery wreck involving a sport utility vehicle and a tour bus carrying a semi-pro Canadian football team Sunday morning on I-69, near the 150-mile marker, closing the highway for nearly four hours.

At about 11:40 a.m. the SUV reportedly crossed the median, striking the bus head on. The SUV then burst into flames. Two occupants were able to get out and a third was trapped inside and perished. Names of the victims have not been released, pending notification of family.

Black smoke from the burning SUV could be seen for several miles away from the scene.

"It was determined that the sport utility vehicle lost control in the southbound passing lane just north of the crash scene and over corrected," said a news release issued jointly by the Steuben County Sheriff's Department and the Angola Fire Department. "The sport utility vehicle crossed the median and entered the northbound lane, colliding head on with a Greyhound passenger bus transporting a semi-pro football team from Canada."

Two other people riding in the SUV were removed from the SUV by a member of the football team and a passerby, and taken into the ditch on the east side of the highway, where they were attended to by members of the Steuben County Emergency Medical Service and first responders from some of the many fire departments on the scene.

The two survivors from the SUV were lifeflighted from the scene to area trauma centers.

People in the bus included members of the London Silverbacks football team from London, Ontario. Twelve people on the bus were injured and transported to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola, for treatment. Bus passengers suffered injuries ranging from minor to serious but none appeared life-threatening, officials said.

Other occupants were

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MARK MARTURELL

Two people who were traveling in a sport utility vehicle that crossed I-69 and collided with a Greyhound bus Sunday in Steuben County are tended to by a variety of emergency personnel, including Greg Aldrich, in burgandy shirt, from the Steuben County Emergency Medical Service.

WRECK: *National Guard unit helped at scene*

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transported by a Metropolitan School District of Steuben County school bus to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, where their needs were attended to by officials from the Steuben County Emergency Management Agency.

Luckily for the emergency personnel, a unit from the 1st 293rd Indiana National Guard, Fort Wayne, was returning from maneuvers in Michigan. They were right behind the scene of the accident and helped set up a landing area for the air ambulances and assisted with a variety of duties, including carrying the wounded out on body boards.

The National Guard members were a "godsend," said T.R. Hagerty of the Angola Fire Department. "We couldn't have asked for any more from them. Their help was tremendous and no doubt saved lives."

Hagerty said everybody on the scene worked as a team.

"If we didn't have different turnout gear, you wouldn't have known we weren't from the same department," he said.

Assisting those mentioned above were personnel from the LaGrange County EMS, Parkview and Lutheran air ambulances, Fremont, Orland and Ashley fire departments, Indiana Department of Transportation, Angola and Indiana State police and the Steuben County Coroner's Office.

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Roger Beattie

ANGOLA — Roger E. Beattie, 77, of Angola died Saturday, June 20, 2009, at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Beattie worked for 30 years at Dana Weatherhead in Angola, retiring in 1993. He then worked at Angola Co-Op for several years. He was a Korean War veteran.

He was a member of the Weatherhead Pioneer Club. He was also an avid rose-grower, having 250 rosebushes at his home at one time. He and his wife, Norma, loved to decorate their home and yard for Christmas for everyone to enjoy.

He was born Dec. 19, 1931, in Ney, Ohio, to Herbert J. and Lottie (Billow) Beattie. He married Norma Richardson on Oct. 7, 1952. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Bruce Beattie of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherri and Dennis Shade of Kennesaw, Ga., and Janet and Edward Waldschmidt of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Kami Miller, Alex Shade and Jeannette and Charles Beattie; two stepgrandchildren, Natalie and Kaite Waldschmidt; three great-grandchildren, Jordan and Hunter Hulbert and Lillian Beattie; and two sisters, Lois Stamm of Westerville, Ohio, and Maxine Underwood of Bryan, Ohio.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a daughter, Debra Beattie; two sisters, Florence Moor and Mabel Mock; a brother, Maurice Beattie; and a granddaughter, Brittany Hope.

Services will be at noon Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial with military graveside services by Angola American Legion Post 31 will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Parkinson's Awareness Association, 4755 Kingsway Drive, Suite 333, Indianapolis, IN, 46205-1560.

Timothy Helmuth

LAGRANGE — Timothy J. Helmuth, 1 day, died Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at the Floyd Helmuth residence, 1955 N. C.R. 400W, LaGrange, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Calling will be all day today and until the service Tuesday. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Sidney Bennett

FORT WAYNE — Pastor Sidney E. Bennett, 74, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 19, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 7810 St. Joe Center Road, Fort Wayne. Intermen with military graveside rites will be at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, or at the church Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memorials are to New Hope Community Church, c/o Rozanna Niman, 1725 Kinsmoor, Fort Wayne, IN 46801.

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Sheila Gage

ALBION — Sheila F. Gage, 74, of Albion died Saturday, June 20, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Mrs. Gage was born in Avilla on June 8, 1935, to Kenneth and Gertrude (Schmuck) Lash. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1953 and married William F. Gage on June 12, 1954, in Kendallville.

She was proud of the fact that she was Kraft Foods first forklift operator. She worked there for 15 years before she retired in 1978.

A very generous and creative person, Sheila enjoyed landscaping, gardening, and decorating, especially for Christmas. She enjoyed sitting down with a good book to read, working word puzzles, attending her grandchildren's activities and playing golf. She was past president of the Lady Elks in Kendallville.

Sheila was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion and the Albion Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include her husband, William F. Gage of Albion; three daughters, Monte and Jeff Van Gessel of Avilla, Melinda and Vince (deceased) Kipfer of Fort Wayne and Marilee and Gregg Wetzel of Albion; a son, Michael Gage of Fort Worth, Texas; seven grandchildren, Andrew and Jonathan Van Gessel, Bailey and Sydney Kipfer, and Dugan, Will, and Jessica Wetzel; her mother, Gertrude Lash of Kendallville; a brother, Gene and Phyllis Lash of Kendallville; a sister, Lavinn and Donald Hyland of Kendallville; and a sister-in-law, Ellen Lash of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her father; two brothers, Lee and Kenny Lash; and her stepmother, Mary Barton.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

A private funeral service will be at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Phyllis Smoot.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or to the donor's choice.

To view a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Addie Stevens

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Addie R. Stevens, 90, of Battle Creek, went to be with the love of her life, the late Paul Stevens, on June 20, 2009.

Addie was born Jan. 22, 1919, in Battle Creek, the daughter of Ervin and Emma (McKeever) Babcock. She married Paul Stevens on Aug. 10, 1943, in Battle Creek. He preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 1999.

Addie retired in 1970 after over 35 years of service working for Dole's, Michigan Bell, Kellogg's, National Tea, Brenner's Meat Market and Meijer's as head checker and bookkeeper. She loved to be around her grandchildren and the love of her life, Paul. Addie was a member of the Red Hatters at Evergreen and she enjoyed crocheting.

Addie is survived by her children, Ann Rugg of Ft. Myers, Fla., Chuck (SueAnn) Stevens of Ashley, Ind., Charlene (William) Durbin of White Pigeon and Paula Mack of Battle Creek; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Rollo Babcock of Florida; two sisters, Dora Horvath and Donna Palmer, both of Battle Creek; and her special friend Ed Rice of Ft. Myers, Fla.

Besides her husband, Addie was preceded in death by a son, Pat Sells; two grandchildren, Thomas Rugg and Jackie Bresnahan; two great-granddaughters, Nickie Gipple and Sarah Cody; two sisters; and one brother.

Graveside funeral services will be on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens, Battle Creek. Burial will be in Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Royal Funeral Home, Battle Creek.

Memorials are to Evergreen Senior Care & Rehab Center, Activities Dept., 111 Evergreen Rd., Springfield, MI 49037.

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Kay Schiffli

BUTLER — Kay Schiffli came to us on May 13, 1942, to Marion and Ercel (Tyson) Moore.

Her mother survives, as do her brothers, Jay and Wilbur Moore, and a sister, Freida Blair.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marion "Pete" Moore, and a brother, Walter Moore.

She married Max Schiffli on March 6, 1965.

Max and Kay began their family with Doug Schiffli, Melissa Schiffli and Jason Schiffli. Family members added were Nancy Thurber and Liz Schiffli (Renkenberger).

Kay was devoted to her grandchildren, Ethan, Audrey, Seth and Avery.

Kay was devoted to her husband and family and cared for those around her. She brought happiness with her smile, warmth and love to the hearts and lives of her family and friends. Kay was known to spend countless hours working on her water garden and entertaining all who came to share the beauty she created with Max. Her spirit will live on in her family, children and grandchildren.

Kay is now at peace as the Lord holds her in his heart.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn with Father Babasino Fernandez officiating. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

A rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Masses to the church or DeKalb County Heart Association.

John Gephart II

PLEASANT LAKE — John R. Gephart II, 38, of Pleasant Lake died Friday, June 19, 2009.

John was born on July 29, 1970. in Decatur, Indiana. to John R. and Diane (Gase) Gephart.

Mr. Gephart was a self-employed flooring installer.

John married Chris Spitler on July 8, 1991. in Fremont, Indiana, and she survives.

John was a member of the Certified Flooring Installers Association.

He loved fishing.

Surviving John are his mother Diane of Angola; his wife, Chris of Pleasant Lake; his sons, Jeremi Nichols of Fort Wayne and David "Davey" Mallott of Coldwater, Michigan; his daughters, Aamber Malott of Fort Wayne and Brittni and Galeena Gephart, both of Pleasant Lake; his brother, Chad Gephart of Angola, two sisters, Tina McCorkle of Seminole, Florida, and Paula Perry of Waterloo, Indiana; a grandmother, Annabelle Gase of Decatur, Indiana; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, John R. Gephart on October 29, 2008; and a nephew, Jerry D. Coler II on July 22, 2000.

Graveside services will be Wednesday June 24, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to the Brittni and Galeena Gephart trust fund, C/O Farmers State Bank of Angola.

Arrangements entrusted to the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola.

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Georgia Hartman

ANGOLA — Georgia L. Hartman, 86, of Angola died Sunday, June 21, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Hartman worked for Wakefield R P Co. in Waterloo until her retirement in 1987.

Mrs. Hartman

She was born Feb. 22, 1923, in Auburn to Floyd and Laura (Kaufman) Musser. She married Loren Hartman on Nov. 25, 1944, in Galveston, Texas. He died March 8, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rex Hartman of Kendallville and Loren Donald "Don" and Bobbi Hartman of Orland; a daughter-in-law, Martha Hartman of Edgerton, Ohio; five sisters and a brother-in-law, Alta Gettys of Waterloo, Velma Ellert of Ashley, Wava Missler of Bryan, Ohio, Vera Smith of Angola and Janice and Carl DeYoung of Corunna; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Brooke Hartman of Edon, Ohio, Mike and Sherry Hartman of Butler, Jackie and Troy Shutt of Auburn, Travis and Bridget Hartman of Columbia City, Amanda Hartman of Columbia City, Amber Hartman of Columbia City, Randy Hartman of Columbia City, Jasmin Hartman of Fort Wayne, and Lindsey Hartman of Orland; and six great-grandchildren, Darrius, Savannah, Zachary, Macey, Alyssa- and Jessica.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Larry Hartman; one brother, Max Musser; and four sisters, Ruth Hire, Opal Stoy, Nina Canfield and Reba Lucas.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from noo to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Northern Lakes Nursing Home, 516 Williams St., Angola.

Margaret Mossburg

BUTLER — Margaret E. Mossburg 83, of Butler died Sunday, June 21, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Mossburg Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials to The Laurels of DeKalb.

Elizabeth Paradise

AUBURN — Elizabeth C. Paradise, 96, of Auburn died Friday, June 19, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Paradise moved from Minnesota to the Calumet Region in 1936. She was employed by the Inland Steel Co. in East Chicago for more than 20 years. Prior to her employment at Inland, she worked for the Anderson Co. and the American Fair Trade Council, both of Gary.

She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Hammond. She and her husband moved to Auburn in 1973 and were members of Lakewood Park Baptist Church and were active at the Heimach Senior Center.

She was born in Round Lake, Minn., on July 8, 1912. She married Howard W. Paradise on Oct. 26, 1935, in Duluth, Minn. He died in 1994.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Pamela Paradise of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Norman Porter and Karen and Robert Rosenau, all of Tucson, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jim and Carl Grier; a grandson, Steven Porter; and two great-grandchildren, Michael and Samantha Porter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Service. 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens in Schererville, Ind.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church or Heimach Center.

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Elizabeth Paradise

AUBURN — Elizabeth C. Paradise, 96, of Auburn died Friday, June 19, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Paradise moved from Minnesota to the Calumet Region in 1936. She was employed by the Inland Steel Co. in East Chicago for more than 20 years. Prior to her employment at Inland, she worked for the Anderson Co. and the American Fair Trade Council, both of Gary.

Mrs. Paradise

She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Hammond. She and her husband moved to Auburn in 1973 and were members of Lakewood Park Baptist Church and were active at the Heimach Senior Center.

She was born in Round Lake, Minn., on July 8, 1912. She married Howard W. Paradise on Oct. 26, 1935, in Duluth, Minn. He died in 1994.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Pamela Paradise of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Norman Porter and Karen and Robert Rosenau, all of Tucson, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Jim and Cal Grier; a grandson, Steven Porter; and two great-grandchildren, Michael and Samantha Porter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Service. 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens in Schererville, Ind.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church or Heimach Center.

Alford Bowling

ANGOLA — Memorial services for Alford "Lee" Bowling, 44, of Angola will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the home of his parents, Don and Linda Lanning, 8810 W. U.S. 20, Angola.

Those attending are asked to remain for a time of fellowship and food.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Fire Department or to the family.

Mr. Bowling died April 24, 2009, in Fort Wayne.

John Gephart II

PLEASANT LAKE — John R. Gephart II, 38, of Pleasant Lake died Friday, June 19, 2009.

John was born on July 29, 1970. in Decatur, Indiana. to John R. and Diane (Gase) Gephart.

Mr. Gephart

Mr. Gephart was a self-employed flooring installer.

John married Chris Spitler on July 8, 1991. in Fremont, Indiana, and she survives.

John was a member of the Certified Flooring Installers Association.

He loved fishing.

Surviving John are his mother Diane of Angola; his wife, Chris of Pleasant Lake; his sons, Jeremi Nichols of Fort Wayne and David "Davey" Mallott of Coldwater, Michigan; his daughters, Aamber Malott of Fort Wayne and Brittni and Galeena Gephart, both of Pleasant Lake; his brother, Chad Gephart of Angola, two sisters, Tina McCorkle of Seminole, Florida, and Paula Perry of Waterloo, Indiana; a grandmother, Annabelle Gase of Decatur, Indiana; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, John R. Gephart on October 29, 2008; and a nephew, Jerry D. Coler II on July 22, 2000.

Graveside services will be Wednesday June 24, 2009 at 10 a.m. in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to the Brittni and Galeena Gephart trust fund, C/O Farmers State Bank of Angola.

Arrangements entrusted to the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Angola.

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Norma Mae Dull

ALBION — Norma Mae Dull, 85, of rural Albion passed at her residence with her family at her side on Monday, June 22, 2009, at 12:15 p.m. following an extended illness.

Norma was born on September 7, 1923, in Noble County to Merle and Mary nee Fuller Heintzelman. Norma was an only child.

On March 30th, 1943, in Noble County she married Lester Dull. He survives.

She was a lifetime Noble County resident, residing with her husband Lester at the same farm since shortly after their marriage.

She was employed as an inspector with Monsanto in Ligonier, retiring after 26 years of service.

Norma was a member of the Albion Asbury Methodist Church in Albion, the Martha Circle and the York Township Homemakers Club.

She loved crocheting, working in her garden and being able to spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Among her survivors includes her husband of 66 years, Lester; a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Martha Jo Dull of Albion; two grandchildren, Jeffrey and Symantha Dull of Albion and Jennifer McGuire of Columbia City; and four great-grandchildren, Amanda Cooper, Courtney Cooper, Joshua Dull, Kammi Dull and Kayla Dull.

A son, Tony Dull, preceded her in death on August 7, 1968.

Funeral services will be on Friday, June 26, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion.

The Rev. Larry Rice will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at the funeral home from 2-5 p.m.. and 6-8 p.m.

Additional visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Parkview-Whitley Hospice.

To view the obituary online or to send an online condolence visit brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Joan Hillegass

GARRETT — Joan B. Hillegass, 79, of Garrett died at 11:07 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hillegass was a homemaker and had been a Garrett resident since 1962.

She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, Monday Bowlerette League, and T.O.P.S. She was a former Cub Scout leader.

Mrs. Hillegass

She was born Nov. 16, 1929, in Wabash to Russel L. and Eloise N. (Long) Windle. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert L. Hillegass on Dec. 6, 1958, in Kendallville and he survives in Garrett.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters and sons-in-law, Margaret “Peggy” and Ron Snyder of Urbana, Ohio, and Barbara and Craig Strock of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert A. and Amy Hillegass of Waterloo; two sisters, Janice Payton of Corunna and Nadine Walker of Monticello; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Elma Buss; and a grandson.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Pastor L. Joe Fichtner officiating. Burial will take place at a later date.

Calling will be both before and after the services Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to stroke research in care of the American Heart Association.

Send condolences or sign the on-line register book by visiting the Web site thomasfuneralhome.org.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Sheila F. Gage, 74

ALBION – Sheila F. Gage, age 74, of Albion, died on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Mrs. Gage was born in Avilla on June 8, 1935 to Kenneth and Gertrude (Schmuck) Arnold.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1953 and married William F. Gage on June 12, 1954 in Kendallville.

She was proud of the fact that she was Kraft Foods first female forklift operator. She worked there for 15 years before she retired in 1978. A very generous and creative person, Sheila enjoyed landscaping, gardening, and decorating, especially for Christmas. She enjoyed sitting down with a good book to read, working word puzzles, attending her grandchildren's activities and playing golf.

She was past president of the Lady Elks in Kendallville. Sheila was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion and the Albion Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include: her husband, William F. Gage of Albion; three daughters, Monte (Jeff) Van Gessel of Avilla, Melinda (Vince (deceased)) Kipfer of Fort Wayne, Marilee (Gregg) Wetzel of Albion; a son, Michael Gage of Fort Worth, Texas; seven grandchildren: Andrew and Jonathan Van Gessel, Bailey and Sydney Kipfer, and Dugan, Will, and Jessica Wetzel; her mother, Gertrude Lash of Kendallville; brother, Gene (Phyllis) Lash of Kendallville; sister, Lavinn (Donald) Hyland of Kendallville and a sister-in-law, Ellen Lash of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Lash; brothers, Lee and Kenny Lash; and her step mother, Mary Barton.

A Private Funeral Service will be at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Phyllis Smoot.

Preferred Memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Assisting the family with arrangements is the Hite Funeral Home.

Thomas H. Aungst, 69

ALBION — Thomas H. Aungst II, 69, of Tampa, Fla., and formerly of Albion, died Sept. 10, 2008, in Kindred Hospital in Tampa.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Norma Mae Dull, 85

ALBION – Norma was born on September 7, 1923 in Noble County to Merle and Mary (Fuller) Heintzelman. Norma was an only child.

On March 30th, 1943 in Noble County she married Lester Dull he survives.

She was a lifetime Noble County Resident, residing with her husband Lester at the same farm since shortly after marriage. She was employed as an Inspector with Monsanto in Ligonier, retiring after 26 years of service. Norma was a member of the Albion Asbury Methodist Church in Albion, the Martha's Circle and the York Township Homemaker's Club. She loved crocheting, working in her garden and being able to spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Among her survivors includes her husband Lester of 66 years. One son and daughter in law; Rick and Martha Jo Dull of Albion.; two Grandchildren Jeffrey and Symantha Dull of Albion and Jennifer Mc Guire of Columbia City; four Great Grandchildren; Amanda Cooper, Courtney Cooper, Joshua Dull, Kammi Dull and Kayla Dull. One son Tony Dull who died on August 7, 1968 preceded her in death.

Funeral Services will be on Friday, June 26, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion, Indiana 46701.

The Rev. Larry Rice will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at the funeral home from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Additional visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral on Friday.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Parkview – Whitley Hospice.

Iva Crowe

Correction

The following is being provided to correct erroneous information provided by the mortuary for the Iva B. Crowe obituary which appeared in the June 17, 2009 issue of the Albion New Era.

Mrs. Crowe was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Albion, Indiana.

The memorial service was officiated by Pastor Ron Stratman of Beacon Baptist Church.

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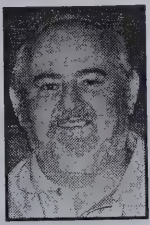
Timothy Oliver

KENDALLVILLE — Timothy "Tim" D. Oliver, age 56, of Kendallville, Ind., passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.


Mr. Oliver

The family will meet friends on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the D. L. Miller Funeral Home, 258 W. Monroe, Bangor, Mich., where funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday with Pastor Theron Crawford officiating.

According to his wishes cremation will follow the services.

The family suggests memorials to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com

Tim was born August 24, 1952, in Port Huron, Mich., the son of the Rev. Jack and Carolyn (Anger) Oliver. He grew up in the South Haven, Mich., area where he graduated from South Haven High School.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and later graduated from Liberty University and retired from Cooper Standard Automotive in Auburn, Ind.

Tim loved spending time with his grandchildren, Kayla, Charissa, Shalana, Trenton, Allie, Dylan, Courtney, and Ava and was looking forward to the arrival of a new grandson in September.

Surviving are his wife, Billie (Cleverly) Oliver whom he married May 23, 1991, in Nashville, Tenn.; two sons, Timothy (Jeannie) Oliver of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Nicholas Oliver of Tigard, Ore; a daughter, Amy (Craig) Jenkins of Villa Park, Ill.; four stepchildren, Jessica (Rinehart) and Chris Scheurich of Waterloo, Ind., Jason Rinehart, Nichole (Hagerty) and Ryan Hull of Kendallville, Ind., and Shaun Hagerty of Churubusco, Ind.; eight grandchildren; his mother, Carolyn of South Haven; two brothers, Gary Oliver and Ron (Carol) Oliver, both of South Haven; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Jack Oliver; two sisters, Jacqueline Oliver and Frances Marie (Oliver) Hall; and a niece, Kimi Marie Hall.

Helen Gebo

GARRETT — Helen F. "Granny" Gebo, 85, of Garrett died at 2:21 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Park Cemetery in Greenfield, Ind.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and one half hour prior to services at the cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

LeRoy Rupert

KENDALLVILLE — LeRoy Rupert, 63, of Kendallville died Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Nathalie Maybach

LAGRANGE — Nathalie A. Mayback, 96, of LaGrange died Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating.

Calling will be from 4 p.m. until the time of services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Bernard Gannon

VALPARAISO — Bernard F. Gannon Sr., 88, died Monday, June 22, 2009, at the VA Medical Center in Marion, Ind.

Mr. Gannon had resided in Valparaiso for the past 72 years.

He was a tool and die maker for McGill's and General American in East Chicago, Ind., retiring in 1988.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1943 and attained the rank of corporal.

Mr. Gannon was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church where he served as an usher for 67 years.

He was also a member of the 4th Degree Fr. Sorin Assembly with the Valparaiso Knights of Columbus Council 738, served as the state deputy for the Indiana Knights of Columbus from 1988 to 1990, as the Father of the Gilbault Raffle, and was the recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

Mr. Gannon was born June 30, 1920, in Chicago to Frank and Lucy (nee Stolinski) Gannon. He married Anna M. Gannon on Sept. 5, 1941. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons, Lawrence Gannon of St. Paul, Minn., Michael Gannon of Fremont and Bernard and (Carolyn Wright) Gannon Jr. of Kouts, Ind.; four daughters, Rita (James) Matthys of Westville, Ind., Lucy Cress of Fremont, Joan (Richard) Evans of Fremont, and Debbie (Kevin) Major of Hobart, Ind.; 24 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren; a brother, Martin (Virginia) Gannon of Valparaiso; and a special friend, Jule Gannon.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Margaret Peterson and Josephine Gannon; and a brother-in-law, Harry Peterson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1855 W. Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso with the Rev. Joseph Pawlowski officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery in Valparaiso.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Dykes Funeral Home, 2305 N. Campbell St., Valparaiso, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Calling will also be one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Gilbault, and the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System, Marion, IN.

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Helen Kauffman

ROME CITY — Helen Marie Kauffman, age 55, of Rome City died on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on December 14, 1953, to Joseph James and Mary Doris (Hill) Maahs.

She married Barry A. Kauffman in October of 1984.

Mrs. Kauffman

Mrs. Kauffman worked for Coachmen Industries in Middlebury, Indiana.

She enjoyed collecting antiques and flea marketing, spending time with her children and grandchildren and loved living on Sylvan Lake. She also enjoyed attending East Noble band competitions while her son, Sam, served as the drum major.

Survivors include her husband, Barry A. Kauffman of Rome City; three sons, Sean Yoder and Aaron Yoder of Wolcottville and Samuel Kauffman of Rome City; two grandsons, Nathan Yoder and Andrew Yoder; a granddaughter, Ashtin Yates; three brothers, Joseph Maahs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Charles Maahs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and James Maahs of Levenworth, Kansas; five sisters, Joan Maahs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Bobbie Haegele of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Bet Kucowski of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Maryjean Marks of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Patricia Bowers of Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 28, 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Graveside services will be Monday, June 29, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Miller Cemetery near Millersburg in Elkhart County. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery in Elkhart County, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be directed to the family.

View a video tribute by Sunday, June 28, 2009, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Thomas Burney

ANGOLA — Thomas Gearhart Burney, 79, of Angola died Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Donna Van Dussen

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, Ark. — Donna Mae Davison Van Dussen, 77, of Hot Springs Village, Ark., passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2009, in a Little Rock, Ark., hospital.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009, at Mountainside United Methodist Church with the Rev. Chris Hemund officiating, with a reception immediately following at the church.

Memorials are to the Mountainside United Methodist Church Memorial Garden Fund, Hot Springs Village, Ark.

Arrangements are under the direction of CedarVale Funeral Home, Hot Springs Village, Ark.

You may sign the guest book at: www.atkinsonfuneralhome.net

THE NEWS SUN
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Nathalie Maybach

LAGRANGE — Nathalie A. Maybach, 96, of LaGrange died Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Maybach moved to LaGrange in 1990 from Clarence Center, N.Y.

Mrs. Maybach

She retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Clarence Center in 1973 after working there since 1950.

She was a member of the LaGrange 1st United Methodist Church and a former member of the Clarence Center United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 20, 1912, in Williamsville, N.Y., to Edward and Clara (Albert) Pfohl. She married Lee Metz on Aug. 7, 1937, in Buffalo, N.Y. He preceded her in death in May 1959. She then married Henry J. Maybach on May 26, 1961, in Clarence Center. He preceded her in death on April 24, 1972.

Surviving are two stepsons, Malcolm (Marilynn) Maybach and Wesley Maybach, both of Chicago; several nieces and nephews including, Jean (Harvey) Glick and Arthur (Judy) Byler, all of LaGrange, and Kathy (Douglas) Blackman of Boise, Idaho; several great-nieces and nephews; and several great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; three sisters, Evelyn McLean, Rita Lambright, and Alice Schneider; and a brother, Jacob Pfohl.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with teh Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating. Burial will be Monday at Clarence Center Cemetery in Clarence Center, N.Y.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to LaGrange 1st United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Jensen

LAKE TOXAWAY, N.C. — Margaret "Peg" Jensen, 88, of Lake Toxaway died Monday, June 22, 2009, at her home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Jensen had lived in Lake Toxaway the past 18 years and previously in Chicago and San Francisco and in Indiana and Florida.

She attended St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., and retired as an advertising executive, supported numerous wildlife rights organizations, and was an avid sports enthusiast.

A native of LaCrosse, Wis., she was the daughter of the late J.C. and Itha Brown Jensen.

Peg leaves behind special friends, Pat Ray of Lake Toxaway, N.C., and Martha Chambless of Pigeon Forge, Tenn.; and several cousins in LaCrosse, Wis., and California.

A celebration of life was held at her home in Lake Toxaway on Thursday, May 25 with the Rev. Marcus Dodson officiating.

The burial and graveside services will be in Auburn, Ind., at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Transylvania Regional Hospital, P.O. Box 1116, Brevard, NC 28712.

Send condolences online to www.ashevillemortuaryservices.com.

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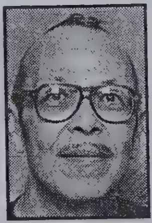
LeRoy Rupert

KENDALLVILLE — LeRoy Rupert, age 63, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Rupert was born in Kendallville on June 18, 1946, to the late Richard Ellsworth and Aften E. (Dunkel) Ruppert.


Mr. Rupert

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1964 and entered the United States Army serving his country during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1969. Mr. Rupert earned the Vietnam Service and the Vietnam Campaign medals. He also earned the Army Condemnation Medal and was a sharpshooter.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

He married Marlene Ann Sprague on July 1, 1976, in Kendallville.

He retired in 2000 from Flint & Walling in Kendallville where he had worked since 1973.

LeRoy loved reading books and was always involved with his grandkids' activities and school projects.

Survivors include his wife, Marlene Rupert of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Fidel Velazquez of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Sierra Rupert and Shauntay and Alejandro Velazquez, all of Kendallville; a brother, Steven Rupert of Kendallville; and a sister, Wanda and Phillp Hall of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Sue Hall and Twana McPherson, and a brother, Norris Ruppert.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the Church of God, 111 South Oak Street, Kendallville, Indiana.

Funeral services will be Monday, June 29, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Church of God. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Jim Kane.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to to his wife, Marlene.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Eric Fuller

LEO — Eric S. Fuller, 39, of Leo died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Kevin Boyd officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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Donna Van Dussen

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, Ark. — Donna Mae Davison Van Dussen, 77, of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2009, in a Little Rock hospital.

She was born August 8, 1931, in South Haven, Michigan, to Coleman Davison and Irene Foss Davison.

She was a retired elementary school teacher and a member of the Mountainside United Methodist Church. She was a decorative artist, member of the Village Players, a member of Potter's Clay and of numerous card groups.

Mrs. Van Dussen

She was a very outgoing lady and well known for her caring ways, charitable spirit and servant heart, always ready to lend family and friends a helping hand.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis F. Van Dussen of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas; two sons, Richard Sliwoski of Portage, Mich., and Mark Sliwoski and his wife, Cheryl, of Cosby, Tenn.; two daughters, Valerie Jasperson and her husband, David, of Houston, Texas, and Sally Sliwoski of Brownsburg, Ind.; a brother, James Davison and his wife, Beverly, of Muskegon, Mich.; and 11 grandchildren, Nicole Sliwoski, Ryan Sliwoski, Tristan Silwoski, David Jasperson, Jessica Jasperson, Samantha Jasperson, Courtney Jasperson, Kurtis Jasperson, Shonna Jasperson, Trevor Jasperson and Danielle Postnikoff

Her parents preceded her in death.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. today, Saturday, June 27, 2009, at Mountainside United Methodist Church with Pastor Rev. Chris Hemund officiating. A reception will immediately follow at the church.

The family respectfully requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be made the Mountainside United Methodist Church Memorial Garden Fund, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.

Arrangements are under the direction of CedarVale Funeral Home, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.

You may sign the guest book at www.atkinsonfuneralhome.net.

Carrol Keck

COLUMBIA CITY — Carrol "Dean" Keck, 76, of rural Columbia City died Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association, Shriners Hospitals for Children or the Columbia City United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Edith Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Edith Arlene Miller, 13, of Middlebury died Friday at her home from an apparent seizure.

She was the daughter of Marlin and Anna Marie (Bontrager) Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family home, 0055 S. C.R. 1100W, Middlebury. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuenralhome.com.

Dorothy Huesner

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy A. Huesner, 85, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at her daughter's home in Michigan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the cemetery chapel.

Memorials are to the Disabled American Veterans Association in care of Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Online condolences may be sent to nelsonsfuneralhome.com.

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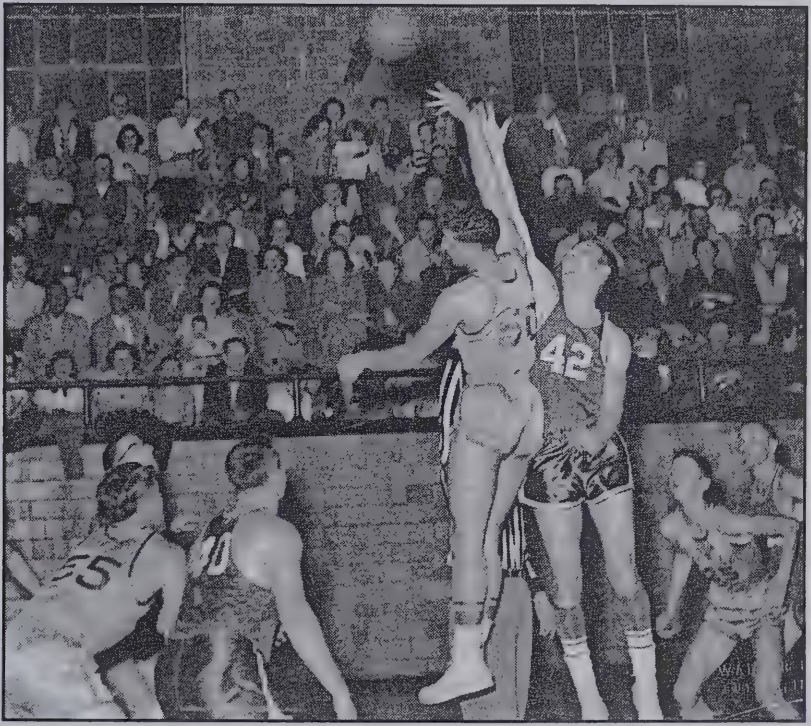
High school athlete grew into loving father, friend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Harold Carr, in the No. 50 jersey, plays basketball for the Butler Windmills in high school.

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BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AUBURN — Marilyn Carr keeps a 4-inch-thick scrapbook chronicling her husband's athletic achievements from high school, but says the most important thing about Harold Carr is that he was a great father and a great friend.

Harold "Curly" Carr died June 3 with his family by his side. He was 73.

Mr. Carr

Carr played on the county champion Butler High School Windmills basketball team in 1954 and also ran track. Marilyn Carr has kept all of his ribbons, rosters, athletic schedules and ticket stubs from his years in high school sports.

"He had a lot of accomplishments," she said.

But Harold Carr's story was just beginning when he graduated from Butler High School in 1954. He went to work at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler, where he worked for 12 years and earned his journeyman's license for tool and die work. He then transferred to Rieke Corp. in Auburn and worked in the machine shop until he retired in 1997.

A few years after retiring, Harold Carr enjoyed driving for the Ben Davis car dealership.

He married Marilyn on Sept. 9, 1956, and the couple had seven children.

Marilyn Carr said that her husband loved to go on vacations with the family.

"We had time together, and we spent it with the family, because they grew up awful fast," she added.

The family traveled to a variety of places around the country, including Wisconsin Dells, North and South Dakota, Maine, Florida, North and South Carolina and even as far as California one year.

"We always went as a family, and we'd camp," she said. "He was an excellent cook, and a very good father. He was really a good guy."

Marilyn Carr said her husband was generally "easygoing," but before vacations he'd get the children together and "set them down and give them lectures on what we are and are not going to do."

The lectures worked, she said.

"We even had compliments at this one restaurant when all the children were small," she said. After eating a meal together, a waitress told the couple, "I have never seen so many that were so well-behaved."

"That makes you feel good," Marilyn Carr said.

The family stayed close as their children grew up and had families of their own. Harold and Marilyn Carr have 37 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren. Family holidays also included Harold Carr's sisters, Marilyn Carr said.

"It was just a close family, and we're still a close family," she said. "In fact, I don't know what I would have done without them, because they were here 24-7 when he was ill."

Harold Carr also had a lot of friends, although he did not generally like to join clubs, Marilyn Carr said.

The couple belonged to a euchre club of seven or eight couples, and had numerous friends they enjoyed dining and socializing with.

"He had a lot of friends, and I guess you never realize that until someone passes away like he did," Marilyn Carr said. "We realize as we get older and things like this happen, we are blessed to have friends."

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Potential drownings probed in LaGrange County

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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SHIPSHEWANA — LaGrange County authorities are investigating a pair of possible drownings which claimed two lives late Saturday afternoon.

A 3-year-old girl and a another person died from possible accidental drownings in county lakes Saturday.

At about 5:36 p.m. emergency responders and Indiana conservation officers were called to Cass Lake west of Shipshewana to a possible drowning, according to a spokesman from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Northern District headquarters.

Witnesses reported the girl missing and called for help. At about 5:41 p.m. a person at the scene found the girl's body in about four feet of water. An autopsy was scheduled, according to the conservation officers headquarters spokesman.

The spokesman said he could not release the name of the child because she was a juvenile.

The spokesman confirmed conservation officers also investigated a possible accidental drowning death in Dallas Lake which had occurred earlier in the afternoon.

At about 4:56 p.m. emergency responders were called to 0000 West block of C.R. 590N on Dallas Lake southwest of Valentine. Authorities refused to release further details late Saturday night.

Conservation officers, who are the law enforcement arm of the IDNR, investigate all potential drownings.

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swimming in the lake with friends and relatives near the time of the incident at about 5:36 p.m. She was last seen near the water before it was discovered that she was missing. She was later located in approximately 4 feet of water at the end of the pier.

CPR was performed and she was transported by Parkview EMS to Parkview LaGrange, where she was pronounced dead at 6:31 pm.

An autopsy performed Sunday ruled that the cause and manner of death was asphyxiation due to accidental drowning.

Indiana Conservation Officers at Cass Lake were assisted by the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, LaGrange Police Department, Shipshewana Police Department, Topeka Police Department, Shipshewana Fire Department, LaGrange County EMS and LaGrange County Coroner's Office.

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Carol Nichols

ORLAND — A graveside service for the interment of the ashes of Carol Nichols Langley Starrett of Americus, Ga. and formerly of Steuben County, who died Feb. 13, 2009, in Plains, Ga., will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Nichols family plot in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

A potluck lunch will follow at the Orland Town Park.

Steven Terry

BROWNSBURG, Ind. — Steven L. Terry, 61, of Brownsburg died Friday, June 26, 2009.

He received his bachelors degree from Western Michigan University and his master's degree in actuarial science from the University of Michigan. He was an actuary for 29 years, retiring in 2003.

Mr. Terry was a member and treasurer of The Church at Avon SBC, and performed volunteer work for Highland Lakes Baptist Camp and Metropolitan Baptist Center.

He was preceded in death by parents Max E. and Betty Lou Terry, Angola.

Survivors include his wife Faye Terry; children Beth (Jon) Terry Merchant and Matthew (Lindsay) Terry; and granddaughters Sarah Merchant, Avery and Piper Terry.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at the Church at Avon SBC, 5075 N. Raceway Rd., with visitation from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

Graveside committal services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at the West Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in honor of Steve may be made to the Building Fund of The Church at Avon or State Convention of Baptists Indiana Disaster Relief Fund.

Tamara Reichmann

AUBURN — Tamara L. Reichmann, 51 of Auburn died Thursday, June 25, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Two drowning victims ID'd

Wolcottville woman, Wakarusa child died in separate incidents in LaGrange County

LAGRANGE — Officials have identified two people, a Wolcottville woman and a child from Wakarusa, who drowned in separate incidents on LaGrange County lakes Saturday.

According to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Kelly L. Smith, 41, of Wolcottville died late Saturday afternoon on Dallas Lake northwest of Wolcottville. In an unrelated incident, Kennedy G. Stansbury, 3, of Wakarusa, died on Cass Lake northwest of Shipshewana early Saturday evening.

Smith had been playing Frisbee at a sandbar with the family dog at about 4:56 p.m. at Dallas Lake when she swam out to deeper water to recover the toy. For an unknown reason, she began to have trouble swimming and went under the surface of the water.

Local resident Harold "Bud" Rea was able to dive down in approximately 12-16 feet of water and recover Smith. Smith was transported to shore to an awaiting ambulance at approximately 5:08 pm. She was later pronounced dead at the scene.

An autopsy performed Sunday ruled that Smith's cause of death was asphyxiation due to drowning.

Indiana Conservation Officers at Dallas Lake were assisted at the scene by the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, Topeka Police Department, Topeka Fire Department, Johnson Township Fire Department, LaGrange County EMS and LaGrange County Coroner's Office.

The Coroner's Office and Indiana Conservation Officers are continuing the investigation into Smith's death.

The Stansbury girl was

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swimming in the lake with friends and relatives near the time of the incident at about 5:36 p.m. She was last seen near the water before it was discovered that she was missing. She was later located in approximately 4 feet of water at the end of the pier.

CPR was performed and she was transported by Parkview EMS to Parkview LaGrange, where she was pronounced dead at 6:31 pm.

An autopsy performed Sunday ruled that the cause and manner of death was asphyxiation due to accidental drowning.

Indiana Conservation Officers at Cass Lake were assisted by the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, LaGrange Police Department, Shipshewana Police Department, Topeka Police Department, Shipshewana Fire Department, LaGrange County EMS and LaGrange County Coroner's Office.

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Bernard Iler

ROME CITY — Bernard "Barney" Iler, 82, of Rome City died on his birthday, Saturday, June 27, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Iler

Mr. Iler was born in LaOtto on June 27, 1927, to Perry and Agnes (Franta) Iler. He graduated from Kendallville High School.

Mr. Iler served his country in the United States Army during WWII stationed in Kassel, Germany, as a medical technician. He ruturned to the Rome City area after the war and worked for McCray Refrigeration and Cold Storage Co. in Kendallville, Albion Wire in Albion, Dana in Fort Wayne and Stanadyne in Garrett over the years.

During his younger years liked to show and train quarter horses and he liked to play cards and games. He was an avid Indiana University basketball fan.

Survivors include one brother and sister-in-law, Perry and Marilyn Iler of Green Valley, Ariz; one sister; Dorothy Parker of Auburn; two nephews and a spouse, Jeff Parker of Auburn and Pat and Jackie Iler of Silver Spring, Md.; two nieces and a spouse, Melanie "Lanie" Bergstrom of Auburn and Jayne and David Shankle of Pasadena, Md.; three great-nieces, Michelle "Shelly" Bergstrom of Auburn, Colleen Iler of Silver Spring and Ginger Rowe of Collidge, Ariz.; three great-nephews; Kevin Iler of Silver Spring, Adam and Kaciemarie Parks of Glen Burnie, Md. and Ben Shankle of Charleston, W.Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother-in-law, Mel Parker; and his niece's husband, Rick Bergstrom.

Visitation will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Funeral Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice, 1900 Carew St. Suite 6, Fort Wayne IN 46805.

To view a video tribute by Wednesday, July 1, 2009, or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Tamara Riechmann

AUBURN — Tamara L. Riechmann, 51, of Auburn died Thursday, June 25, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Riechmann was a homemaker. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 97 of Auburn.

She was born Dec. 11, 1957, in Auburn. She married Jeff Riechmann on June 23, 1999, in Louisville, Ky. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Imogene and Raymond Tracey of New Port Richie, Fla.; three daughters, Michelle Perry of New Port Richie, Rebekah Riechmann of Hollywood, Fla., and Carrie Riechmann of Auburn; three brothers, David Heyman of Goshen, Nick Heyman of Kendallville and Tim Heyman of Butler; three sisters, Cindy Hoover of Edgerton, Ohio, Deeanda Holtzberg of St. Joe and Tina Staley of Florida; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, David Heyman, and one sister, Laurie Degan.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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Betty Mains

ANGOLA — Betty Jean Mains, 85, of Angola died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

She was born Dec. 1, 1923, in Ashley to Kimber D. and Lucinda E. (Green) Stroh, who preceded her in death. She married Robert L. Mains in Oct. 1939. He preceded her in death Sept. 17. 1988.

Mrs. Mains was a homemaker.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara and Jim McNeish of Angola, Linda Peppler of Angola and Sally and Fred Mikkelson of Chino Valley, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her parents and husband were a son, Robert W. Mains, on Aug. 11, 1968; two sisters; and three brothers.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Kelly Smith

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kelly L. Smith, 41, of Wolcottville died in a drowning Saturday, June 27, 2009, at Dallas Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Kermit Farrington Jr.

GARRETT — Kermit Eugene “Gene” Farrington Jr., 72, of Garrett, died at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009 at Hickory Creek, Kendallville where he had been a resident for the past four years.

He was born Feb. 26, 1937 in DeKalb County, Indiana to Kermit E. Farrington Sr. and Margrete (Kaellner) Farrington. They preceded him in death.

He married Joyce Ann Smith on Dec. 12, 2003 in Auburn, Indiana and she survives in Garrett.

Gene was employed as a heavy equipment operator in Indiana, Michigan and Texas from 1955-1980. He was a truck driver for the movie industry in California from 1980 until 2001 when he retired and returned to Garrett.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Garrett, Indiana.

Gene is survived by his wife, Joyce Ann Farrington; a brother, Tom Farrington; and a sister, Margaret Farrington, all of Garrett, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at Thomas Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Garrett, Alzheimer’s Research or Hickory Creek Activity Department.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting thomasfuneralhome.org.

Thomas Burney

ANGOLA — Thomas Gearheart Burney, 79, of Angola died Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

He was a professor at Tri-State University and Trine University, Angola. He was a member of Holy Family Episcopal Church and was an ordained Presbyterian minister.

He was born Sept. 27, 1929, in Iowa City, Iowa, to William and Martha (Gearhart) Burney, who preceded him in death. He married Sylia Havies from London, England, on June 15, 1963. She survives in Angola.

Surviving with his wife are two sons and daughter-n-law, Christopher Burney of Angola and Andrew and Sherri Burney of Waterloo; a stepson and his wife, Graham and Ann Vasey of Boston, Mass.; a stepdaughter, Marilyn Gennett of Newark, Del.; a daughter-in-law, Carla Burney of Angola; a brother, William Burney of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Martha Robinson of Fort Worth, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Holy Family Episcopal Church, 909 S. Darling St., Angola, IN 46703, with the Revs. Michael Fulk and Paul Gennett officiating.

Memorials are to the church or to Faith Community Health Clinic c/o the church.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Foster mom indicted in death

BY MATT GETTS
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LAGRANGE — A LaGrange County grand jury has indicted a Topeka woman in a case involving the alleged neglect of a 16-month-old girl who died in March.

Christy T. Shaffer, 31, turned herself in Friday at the LaGrange County Jail. She posted $20,000 bond and was released.

The grand jury on Thursday indicted her on a charge of neglect of a dependent causing serious bodily injury, a Class B felony; and neglect of a dependent causing bodily injury, a Class C felony.

A Class B felony carries a sentencing range from six to 20 years with up to a $10,000 fine. A Class C felony carries a sentencing range from two to eight years with up to a $10,000 fine.

The charges were in relationship to the investigation of the death of Alissa B. Guernsey, who died March 28 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Shaffer

Guernsey had been taken from her mother by the Steuben County Department of Child Services (DCS) in December 2008. The girl's mother had been living in the Hamilton area at the time. Steuben County officials placed the child in relative foster care placement with Shaffer, who is a cousin of the child's mother.

The child's death was investigated by the Indiana State Police, with assistance from the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, and the matter was turned over to the LaGrange County Prosecutor's Office.

LaGrange County Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Wible said he turned the case over to a grand jury because he was unsure which — if any — charges were appropriate and because of what he described as the controversial nature of the case.

"Whatever I did or did not do was going to cause controversy," Wible said Monday afternoon.

Wible said he could not elaborate on what the "controversy" entailed because of a state law that prohibits him from commenting on grand jury matters, which are closed to the public.

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INDICT: *Grandfather says charges are unjustified*

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The six-member grand jury met on June 16 and again on Thursday before handing down the indictments.

This newspaper left several messages on Shaffer's answering machine requesting comment. Shortly before 5:30 p.m. Monday, Shaffer's uncle, David Sprunger — the grandfather of Guernsey, returned the phone call.

"I feel the charges are unjustified," Sprunger said. "It is unfortunate my granddaughter died, but it was not because of anything my niece did.

"A baby died, and they want someone to blame. They're looking for a scapegoat."

According to Sprunger, he is the person who initiated DCS's investigation into the care of Guernsey by his daughter, the mother of Guernsey.

"My daughter was unable to take care of these kids because of lifestyle choice, let's leave it at that," Sprunger said. "The children were not receiving the care and attention they needed."

Sprunger said he supported the decision by DCS to place the children in the home of Shaffer and her husband.

"They're wonderful parents," Sprunger said. "They were wonderful caretakers for my grandchildren."

Alissa Guernsey had two siblings who also were living with Shaffer. Those children were removed by DCS and are living with a family in Fort Wayne, according to Sprunger.

Shaffer has four children of her own, and those children have been placed in the custody of Shaffer's parents.

Ann Houseworth, director of communications for the Department of Child Services in Indianapolis, confirmed the child was placed with Shaffer. Houseworth said Shaffer had been court-approved for taking the child into her home, and that the approval process included a background check of Shaffer.

Houseworth said whenever a child under DCS care dies, the organization holds an internal investigation.

"Anytime a child dies it is a tragedy," Houseworth said.

A phone message for Steuben County DFC director Jan Lung seeking comment on specifics of the case was not returned Monday.

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E. LaMar Ruhl

MISSION, Texas — E. LaMar Ruhl, 84, of Mission and formerly of Angola, Ind., died Saturday, June 27, 2009, at McAllen Heart Hospital in McAllen, Texas.

Graveside services will be at a later date at Flint Cemetery in Flint, Ind.

Laura Rosenbury

BUTLER — Laura E. Rosenbury, 86, of Butler died Monday, June 29, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Kelly Smith

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kelly L. Smith, 41, of Wolcottville drowned Saturday, June 27, while swimming at Dallas Lake.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith and her husband, Jeff, had lived in Kimmell for 15 years before moving to Westler Lake five years ago.

She had been a Title 1 reading teacher for the past two years at Wolcott Mills Elementary School in Wolcottville and Lima-Brighton Elementary School in Howe.

Mrs. Smith was a 2006 graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education.

She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

Mrs Smith enjoyed boating, swimming, gardening, collecting lighthouses and playing ball with her dog, Sheba.

She was born April 11, 1968, in Auburn to Roger Ransom and Judith McBride. Her father survives in Leesburg and her mother, Judy (McBride) Dietsch, survives in Edgerton, Ohio.

She married Jeffrey L. Smith on July 23, 1988, at the Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Anthony A. Smith of Wolcottville; a daughter, Jessica J. Smith of Wolcottville; two brothers, Roger McBride of St. Joe and Lamar Dietsch of Hicksville, Ohio; and two sisters, Brenda Patton of Hamilton and Kim Houltan of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Daniel and Alma Ransom and Ray and Esther McBride.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 2, at LaGrange First Church of God in LaGrange with Pastor Brad Cook and Pastor Nancy Warren officiating. Burial will be in Wolcottville Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Dennis Riser

BUTLER — Dennis E. Riser, 66, died Monday, June 29, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Riser was an appliance repairman for many years, working for A&E, a division of Sears, and was owner of Riser Appliance Service.

He was born in DeKalb County on Sept. 22, 1942, to Earl Riser and Helen Laverne Rohrs.

Survivors include his father, Earl Riser of Butler; his mother, Helen Laverne Grupp of Bryan, Ohio; three sons, Bruce (Elizabeth) Riser of Kendallville, Brian Riser of LaOtto and Tom Slaughter of Wolcottville; a daughter, Dana Riser of Fort Wayne; a brother, Victor Riser of Cleveland, Ohio; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Paul Meyers

FORT WAYNE — Paul E. "Buster" Meyers, 84, died Monday, June 29, 2009, in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lake George Lutheran Chapel Building Fund or Ronald McDonald House.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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